

HAWAII

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.hawaii.gov/elections

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at www.fvap.gov

Presidential Primary Date: Not Applicable*
State Primary Date: September 20, 2008
General Election Date: November 4, 2008

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Note: Election dates and information are current as of July 2007. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

*Hawaii does not have a Presidential Primary.

**Special conditions may apply; check the following pages for details.



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Circled letters on the form below correspond to the instructions on the following page. You must complete all shaded areas.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one):

- (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)				SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)		b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y Y Y		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER A		
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)				i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			
j. EMAIL ADDRESS							

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)							
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE B			c. COUNTY		d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE	

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)				b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (Complete 4.b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.a.)			
C							

- c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: **D** MAIL FAX EMAIL

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots — see instructions for Block 6 paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

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7. AFFIRMATION (required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: **F** Date: **G** M M D D Y Y Y Y

(Witness/Notary and address (if required)) Date: M M D D Y Y Y Y

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I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.** Circled letters correspond to the circled letters on the sample form on the preceding page.

- A Block 2.f:** Your Social Security number is required.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Hawaii voting residence. A post office box is not acceptable. If there is no street address of your residence, describe its location in Block 6. For example: “on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station.” This address must be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
Note to Uniformed Service member: Do not use the residence address where you are currently stationed, unless that is where you are claiming residency.
- C Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. This address must be different than the address provided in Block 3.
- D Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E Block 6:** Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.
- F Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.
- G Block 7:** If you are unable to sign, your mark must be witnessed by another individual 18 years of age or older.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Hawaii and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA or any other form of written communication to your local election official early every

year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter Two). In Hawaii, all Federal, state and county elections are held concurrently in even numbered years.

If you are unregistered, the County Clerk must receive your FPCA not later than 30 days before the election.

If you are registered, your FPCA must be received not later than 7 days before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the local elections office by the **close of polls on election day.**

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 35 days before the election.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.** See instructions in Chapter Two.

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: A self-subscribing oath is required to affirm the information entered on the voter registration application is true and correct. If you are unable to sign, your mark must be witnessed by another individual 18 years of age or older.

Returning a Ballot: No notary or witness required.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Hawaii allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Hawaii allows you to request that the blank ballot be sent to you by fax if you do not receive your requested ballot within five (5) days of the election.
- Hawaii allows you to return the voted ballot by fax if you requested that the blank ballot be sent to you by fax. You must submit a waiver of secrecy of vote with the transmitted ballot. The waiver and ballot must be received by the issuing clerk no later than 6 p.m. (Hawaiian Standard Time) on election day.

Please refer to Appendix B for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

(from U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands only)

International toll-free fax numbers

(See inside back cover)

E. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony may not register or vote while confined. Persons judged mentally incompetent may not register or vote.

F. Cancellation of Registration

Re-registration is required when a voter changes his/her voting residence or name or his/her name is removed from the voter register. Overseas citizens should submit an FPCA for registration each election year (for Federal offices only).

G. Action on Registration Requests

The County Clerk is not required to notify absentee voters of their registration.

H. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Hawaii shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

I. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration by the clerk may appeal to the Board of Registration. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

J. Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. but have a parent who is eligible to vote in Hawaii are eligible to vote at the same voting residence claimed by their parent (for Federal office ballots only).

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk** in your county of voting residence as listed below:

Addressee	Mailing Address
Hawaii	Hawaii County Clerk 25 Aupuni Street, Room 105 Hilo, HI 96720-4245
Honolulu	Honolulu County Clerk 530 S. King Street, Room 100 Honolulu, HI 96813-3077
Kauai	Kauai County Clerk 4396 Rice Street, Suite 106 Lihue, HI 96766-1371
Maui	Maui County Clerk 200 S High Street, 7th Floor Wailuku, HI 96793-2155

America - You have my vote!

by COL Frank J. Berlingis (USA), Ft. Sam Houston, TX

