

# SOUTH DAKOTA

## Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: [www.sdsos.gov/elections](http://www.sdsos.gov/elections)

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

**Presidential Primary Date: June 3, 2008**

**State Primary Date: June 3, 2008**

**State Runoff Primary Date: June 17, 2008**

**General Election Date: November 4, 2008**

<b>DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*</b>	<b>Presidential Primary (or preference)</b>	<b>State Primary</b>	<b>State Secondary Election</b>	<b>General Election</b>
<b>Registration</b>	May 19, 2008	May 19, 2008	June 2, 2008	October 20, 2008
<b>Ballot Request</b>	June 3, 2008	June 3, 2008	June 17, 2008	November 4, 2008
<b>Ballot Return</b>	June 3, 2008	June 3, 2008	June 17, 2008	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](http://www.fvap.gov), or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

\*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

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REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)					
<b>1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one):</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT					
<input type="checkbox"/> (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY					
<input type="checkbox"/> (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY					
<b>2. MY INFORMATION (Required)</b>					
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 - - - - -	g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. 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					
<b>3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)</b>					
a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)					
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE B		c. COUNTY		d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE
<b>4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS</b>					
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required) C			b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (Complete 4.b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.a.)		
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: D <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL					
<b>5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):</b> E					
<b>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.)</b> F					
<b>7. AFFIRMATION (required)</b>					
I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:					
1. 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					
2. 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					
3. 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					
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and					
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and G					
6. 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: _____		Date: M M D D Y Y Y Y		Signed: _____ (Witness/Notary and address (if required))	
				Date: M M D D Y Y Y Y	

## 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 and 2.g:** Your South Dakota Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not have a South Dakota driver's license number then you must give the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the voter may only register at the County Auditor's office and shall sign a statement of such fact.
- B** **Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your South Dakota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, 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.
- C** **Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D** **Block 4.c:** This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. South Dakota does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically. See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E** **Block 5: If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your new political party choice to the local County Auditor.
- F** **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
- G** **Block 7:** Absentee ballot applications must be notarized by a notary public or other person authorized to

administer oath. Instead of a notarized signature, you may provide a photo copy of your valid ID. An acceptable ID is: A South Dakota Drivers License or non-driver ID card; a passport or other picture ID issued by the U.S. government; a tribal photo ID; a current student photo ID issued by a South Dakota high school or postsecondary education institution. **If the absentee ballot request is from an overseas citizen, it does not need to be notarized or submitted with a copy of an ID.**

## II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of South Dakota 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 to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter Two). However, a separate FPCA is needed for school or municipal elections.

**To register and request an absentee ballot,** send a completed FPCA to the local County Auditor so that it arrives not later than 15 days before the election.

**If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot,** send a completed FPCA to the local County Auditor anytime before the election.

### B. Casting Your Vote

**Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted ballot must arrive at the local elections office in time to be delivered to the Superintendent of Elections of the voter's home precinct prior to the close of the polls.

Local election officials mail ballots within 48 hours after receiving your request, or as soon as ballots are available (six weeks before any primary or general election).

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

### C. Notary/Witness Requirements

**Uniformed Services Voters: Stateside** - Absentee ballot applications must be notarized by a notary public or other person authorized to administer an oath. Instead of a notarized signature, you may provide a photo copy of your valid ID. An acceptable ID is: A South Dakota Drivers License or non-driver ID card; a passport or other picture ID issued by the U.S. government; a tribal photo ID; a

photo ID issued by a South Dakota postsecondary education institution.

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#### **D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots**

- South Dakota allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. South Dakota allows a voter to submit a scanned application for absentee ballot as an email attachment.
- South Dakota does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- South Dakota does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

The facsimile or emailed image of the FPCA must be legible.

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 currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction which included imprisonment, served or suspended, in an adult penitentiary system and persons judged mentally incompetent by a court of law may not register or vote.

#### **F. Cancellation of Registration**

Persons are removed from registration rolls for failure to vote at all in the last eight years and failure to respond to a confirmation notice.

#### **G. Action on Registration Requests**

Notification of completed registration is sent.

#### **H. Action If Registration Is Denied**

Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel. Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, the South Dakota County Auditor which rejected the voter registration application or absentee ballot request shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejections.

### **III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.**

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- South Dakota residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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**IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.**

**Where To Send It**

Mail the FPCA to the **County Auditor**, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Aurora	Aurora County Auditor PO Box 397 Plankinton, SD 57368-0397
Beadle	Beadle County Auditor PO Box 845, Huron, SD 57350-0845
Bennett	Bennett County Auditor PO Box 460 Martin, SD 57551-0460

County	Mailing Address
Bon Homme	Bon Homme County Auditor PO Drawer E Tyndall, SD 57066-0605
Brookings	Brookings County Auditor 314 6th Avenue Brookings, SD 57006-2086
Brown	Brown County Auditor 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401-4293
Brule	Brule County Auditor 300 S. Courtland, Suite 103 Chamberlain, SD 57325-1599
Buffalo	Buffalo County Auditor PO Box 146 Gann Valley, SD 57341-0146
Butte	Butte County Auditor 839 Fifth Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717-1719
Campbell	Campbell County Auditor PO Box 37 Mound City, SD 57646-0037
Charles Mix	Charles Mix County Auditor PO Box 490 Lake Andes, SD 57356-0490
Clark	Clark County Auditor PO Box 294 Clark, SD 57225-0294
Clay	Clay County Auditor 211 West Main, Suite 200 Vermillion, SD 57069-2039
Codington	Codington County Auditor 14 First Avenue, SE Watertown, SD 57201-3611
Corson	Corson County Auditor PO Box 255, McIntosh, SD 57641-0255
Custer	Custer County Auditor 420 Mt. Rushmore Road Custer, SD 57730-1934
Davison	Davison County Auditor 200 East 4th Street Mitchell, SD 57301-2692
Day	Day County Auditor 711 West 1st Street Webster, SD 57274-1364
Deuel	Deuel County Auditor PO Box 616 Clear Lake, SD 57226-0616
Dewey	Dewey County Auditor PO Box 277 Timber Lake, SD 57656-0277
Douglas	Douglas County Auditor PO Box 159 Armour, SD 57313-0159
Edmunds	Edmunds County Auditor PO Box 97 Ipswich, SD 57451-0097
Fall River	Fall River County Auditor 906 North River Street Hot Springs, SD 57747-1398
Faulk	Faulk County Auditor PO Box 309 Faulkton, SD 57438-0309
Grant	Grant County Auditor 210 East Fifth Avenue Milbank, SD 57252-2499
Gregory	Gregory County Auditor Courthouse, Box 413 Burke, SD 57523-0413
Haakon	Haakon County Auditor PO Box 698 Philip, SD 57567-0698
Hamlin	Hamlin County Auditor PO Box 237 Hayti, SD 57241-0237
Hand	Hand County Auditor 415 West First Avenue Miller, SD 57362-1346



County	Mailing Address
Hanson	Hanson County Auditor PO Box 500 Alexandria, SD 57311-0500
Harding	Harding County Auditor PO Box 26 Buffalo, SD 57720-0026
Hughes	Hughes County Auditor 104 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-2591
Hutchinson	Hutchinson County Auditor 140 Euclid, Room 128 Olivet, SD 57052-0128
Hyde	Hyde County Auditor PO Box 379 Highmore, SD 57345-0379
Jackson	Jackson County Auditor PO Box 280 Kadoka, SD 57543-0280
Jerauld	Jerauld County Auditor PO Box 422 Wessington Springs, SD 57382-0422
Jones	Jones County Auditor PO Box 307 Murdo, SD 57559-0307
Kingsbury	Kingsbury County Auditor PO Box 196 Desmet, SD 57231-0196
Lake	Lake County Auditor 200 East Center Madison, SD 57042-2941
Lawrence	Lawrence County Auditor PO Box F Deadwood, SD 57732-0678
Lincoln	Lincoln County Auditor 100 East Fifth Canton, SD 57013-1792
Lyman	Lyman County Auditor PO Box 38 Kennebec, SD 57544-0038
Marshall	Marshall County Auditor PO Box 130 Britton, SD 57430-0130
McCook	McCook County Auditor PO Box 190 Salem, SD 57058-0190
McPherson	McPherson County Auditor PO Box 390 Leola, SD 57456-0448
Meade	Meade County Auditor 1425 Sherman Street Sturgis, SD 57785-1452
Mellette	Mellette County Auditor PO Box C, White River, SD 57579-0403
Miner	Miner County Auditor PO Box 86 Howard, SD 57349-0086

County	Mailing Address
Minnehaha	Minnehaha County Auditor 415 North Dakota Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2465
Moody	Moody County Auditor 101 E. Pipestone Avenue, Suite D Flandreau, SD 57028-1750
Pennington	Pennington County Auditor 315 St. Joseph Street Rapid City, SD 57701-2879
Perkins	Perkins County Auditor PO Box 126 Bison, SD 57620-0126
Potter	Potter County Auditor 201 South Exene Gettysburg, SD 57442-1521
Roberts	Roberts County Auditor 411 2nd Avenue, E. Sisseton, SD 57262-1495
Sanborn	Sanborn County Auditor PO Box 7 Woonsocket, SD 57385-0007
Shannon	Shannon County Auditor 906 North River Street Hot Springs, SD 57747-1398
Spink	Spink County Auditor 210 East 7th Avenue Redfield, SD 57469-1266
Stanley	Stanley County Auditor PO Box 595 Fort Pierre, SD 57532-0595
Sully	Sully County Auditor PO Box 265 Onida, SD 57564-0265
Todd (send to Tripp County)	
Tripp	Tripp County Auditor 200 East 3rd Winner, SD 57580-1806
Turner	Turner County Auditor PO Box 370 Parker, SD 57053-0370
Union	Union County Auditor 209 E. Main Street, Suite 200 Elk Point, SD 57025-2327
Walworth	Walworth County Auditor PO Box 199 Selby, SD 57472-0199
Yankton	Yankton County Auditor PO Box 137 Yankton, SD 57078-0137
Ziebach	Ziebach County Auditor PO Box 68 Dupree, SD 57623-0068

***Your RIGHT. Your CHOICE. Make the RIGHT CHOICE -  
VOTE!***

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