

LOUISIANA

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.geauxvote.com

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

Presidential Preference/Primary Date: February 9, 2008

Congress 1st Party Primary Date: September 6, 2008

Congress 2nd Party Primary: October 4, 2008

State Primary Date: October 4, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	Congress 1st Party Primary	Congress 2nd Primary & State Primary	General Election
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Ballot Request	February 8, 2008	September 5, 2008	October 3, 2008	November 3, 2008
Ballot Return	February 9, 2008	September 6, 2008	October 4, 2008	November 4, 2008

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

State information is current as of June 2008. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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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			g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER			
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				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. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: 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.)

7. AFFIRMATION (required)

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

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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 and 2.g:** A Louisiana Driver's License number, if issued, or the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration, the full Social Security number may be provided on a voluntary basis. If you do not possess either of these identifications, you may use; a current and valid photo identification or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing the name and address of the applicant.
- B Blocks 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Louisiana 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 parish 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. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E Block 5:** **If you do not list a party affiliation with a recognized political party, you cannot vote in the Presidential preference primary. However, a recognized political party may allow, in its by-laws, a voter who is not affiliated with any political party to vote in the Presidential preference primary. Each qualified voter who is not affiliated with a recognized political party may choose to vote in a recognized political party's primary elections for the Congressional 1st and 2nd Party Primary elections, unless the state central committee prohibits in its rules and regulations prohibits unaffiliated voters from participating.** Political party affiliation is not required for any other election. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party affiliation and you now want to vote in a Presidential preference primary and party committee elections, you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your new political party affiliation to the local election official not later than 30 days before an election.

Indicate on Block 6 if your FPCA is being submitted only to change your party choice.

- 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:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Louisiana 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 may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections held during a period which extends from the date the request is received in the office of the registrar of voters through two subsequent Federal general elections (local, state and Federal offices).

To register and request an absentee ballot, the local registrar of voters must receive your FPCA not later than 30 days before the election.

To request an absentee ballot if you are currently registered, the local registrar of voters must receive your FPCA not later than 4:30p.m. on the day before the election for which it is requested. The request shall remain valid through two subsequent Federal general elections from the date of receipt of the application in the registrar's office.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the local elections office **no later than the day of the election.**

Louisiana elections, except the Presidential preference primary and party committee elections and congressional 1st and 2nd Party Primary elections, are entirely open. All parties appear on the same ballot and you may vote for any candidate on the ballot. If any candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast in the primary election that candidate is declared the winner and that office is not voted upon in the general election.

Local election officials mail ballots not later than 20 days before the state primary election and 13 days before the general election. However, special ballots for the office of the President are available for mailing 45 days before the general 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: No notary or witness required

Returning a Ballot: Sign the ballot return envelope certificate in the presence of two witnesses. These witnesses must also sign the envelope.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Louisiana allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot request by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Louisiana allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
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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. Special Absentee Ballot for General Election

If you request a primary ballot you will receive a special ballot for the general election along with the primary ballot.

The special ballot permits you to vote in the following general election by writing in numbers according to your choice of preference for each candidate. You put the number one next to the name of the candidate who is your first choice, the number two for your second choice, and so forth so that, in consecutive numerical order, you write a number indicating your preference next to each candidate's name on the ballot.

You shall not be required to number all of the candidates on the ballot if you so choose, but doing so will assure your having cast a ballot in the general election.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons under order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony or interdicted after being judicially declared to be mentally incompetent as a result of a full interdiction proceeding may not register to vote.

G. Cancellation of Registration

Registration of a voter whose canvassing postcard is returned by the postmaster as being undeliverable is canceled after due process and failure to vote for a period of two (2) consecutive Federal general elections.

H. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration is sent.

I. Action If Registration Is Denied

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Louisiana shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. If registration is denied, provide the information called for in the notice of denial and resubmit the application. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Louisiana and overseas citizens. The term "overseas citizen(s)" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Louisiana.

- civilian employees of the U.S. Government serving outside the U.S. and their spouses and dependents.
- members of religious or welfare groups attached to and serving with the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents.
- other residents of Louisiana temporarily residing outside the U.S.
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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Submit the FPCA to the **Registrar of Voters** at the parish of voting residence as listed below:

Parish	Parish Seat
Acadia	Acadia Parish Registrar of Voters Courthouse, #115 Crowley, LA 70526-4363
Allen	Allen Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 150 Oberlin, LA 70655-0150
Ascension	Ascension Parish Registrar of Voters 828 S. Irma Blvd., #205 Gonzales, LA 70737-3631

Parish	Parish Seat
Assumption	Assumption Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 578 Napoleonville, LA 70390-0578
Avoyelles	Avoyelles Parish Registrar of Voters 312 N. Main Street, #E Marksville, LA 71351-2409
Beauregard	Beauregard Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 952 DeRidder, LA 70634-0952
Bienville	Bienville Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 697 Arcadia, LA 71001-0697
Bossier	Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 635 Benton, LA 71006-0635
Caddo	Caddo Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 1253 Shreveport, LA 71163-1253
Calcasieu	Calcasieu Parish Registrar of Voters 1000 Ryan Street, #7 Lake Charles, LA 70601-5250
Caldwell	Caldwell Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 1107 Columbia, LA 71418-1107
Cameron	Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 1 Cameron, LA 70631-0001
Catahoula	Catahoula Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 215 Harrisonburg, LA 71340-0215
Claiborne	Claiborne Parish Registrar of Voters 507 W. Main Street, #1 Homer, LA 71040-3914
Concordia	Concordia Parish Registrar of Voters 4001 Carter Street, #4 Vidalia, LA 71373-3021
DeSoto	DeSoto Parish Registrar of Voters 105 Franklin Street Mansfield, LA 71052-2046
E. Baton Rouge	E. Baton Rouge Parish Registrar of Voters 222 St. Louis Street, #201 Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860
East Carroll	East Carroll Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 708 Lake Providence, LA 71254-0708
East Feliciana	East Feliciana Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 488 Clinton, LA 70722-0488
Evangeline	Evangeline Parish Registrar of Voters 200 Court Street, Suite 102 Ville Platte, LA 70586-4463
Franklin	Franklin Parish Registrar of Voters Courthouse, 6560 Main Street Winnsboro, LA 71295-2750
Grant	Grant Parish Registrar of Voters 200 Main Street, Courthouse Colfax, LA 71417-1828
Iberia	Iberia Parish Registrar of Voters 300 Iberia Street, #110 New Iberia, LA 70560-4543
Iberville	Iberville Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 554 Plaquemine, LA 70765-0554
Jackson	Jackson Parish Registrar of Voters 500 E. Court Street, #102 Jonesboro, LA 71251-3400
Jefferson	Jefferson Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 10494 Jefferson, LA 70181-0494
Jefferson Davis	Jefferson Davis Parish Registrar of Voters Courthouse, Room 107 300 State Street Jennings, LA 70546-5361
Lafayette	Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters 1010 Lafayette, #313 Lafayette, LA 70501-6885

Parish	Parish Seat
Lafourche	Lafourche Parish Registrar of Voters 307 West 4th Street Thibodaux, LA 70301-3105
LaSalle	LaSalle Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 2439 Jena, LA 71342-2439
Lincoln	Lincoln Parish Registrar of Voters 100 W. Texas Avenue, #10 Ruston, LA 71270-4463
Livingston	Livingston Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 968 Livingston, LA 70754-0968
Madison	Madison Parish Registrar of Voters 100 N. Cedar Street Tallulah, LA 71282-3892
Morehouse	Morehouse Parish Registrar of Voters 129 N. Franklin Street Bastrop, LA 71220-3815
Natchitoches	Natchitoches Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 677 Natchitoches, LA 71458-0677
Orleans	Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters 1300 Perdido, #1W23 New Orleans, LA 70112-2127
Ouachita	Ouachita Parish Registrar of Voters 122 Saint John Street, Room 114 Monroe, LA 71201-7342
Plaquemines	Plaquemines Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 989 Port Sulphur, LA 70083-0989
Pointe Coupee	Pointe Coupee Parish Registrar of Voters 211 E. Main Street, #103 New Roads, LA 70760-3661
Rapides	Rapides Parish Registrar of Voters 701 Murray St. Alexandria, LA 71301-8099
Red River	Red River Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 432 Coushatta, LA 71019-0432
Richland	Richland Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 368 Rayville, LA 71269-0368
Sabine	Sabine Parish Registrar of Voters 400 Capitol Street, #107 Many, LA 71449-3099
St Bernard	St. Bernard Parish Registrar of Voters 8201 W. Judge Perez, Room 104 Chalmette, LA 70043-1696
St Charles	St. Charles Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 315 Hahnville, LA 70057-0315
St Helena	St. Helena Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 543 Greensburg, LA 70441-0543
St James	St. James Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 179 Convent, LA 70723-0179
St John the Baptist	St. John Parish Registrar of Voters 1801 W. Airline Highway Room 112 LaPlace, LA 70068-3344
St Landry	St. Landry Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 818 Opelousas, LA 70571-0818
St Martin	St. Martin Parish Registrar of Voters Courthouse, 415 S. Main St Martinville, LA 70582-4549
St Mary	St. Mary Parish Registrar of Voters Courthouse 500 Main Street, #301 Franklin, LA 70538-6144
St Tammany	St. Tammany Parish Registrar of Voters 701 N. Columbia Street Covington, LA 70433-
Tangipahoa	Tangipahoa Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 895 Amite, LA 70422-0892

Parish	Parish Seat
Tensas	Tensas Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 183 St. Joseph, LA 71366-0183
Terrebonne	Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 9189 Houma, LA 70361-9189
Union	Union Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 235 Farmerville, LA 71241-0235
Vermilion	Vermilion Parish Registrar of Voters 100 N. State Street, Suite 120 Abbeville, LA 70510
Vernon	Vernon Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 626 Leesville, LA 71496-0626
Washington	Washington Parish Registrar of Voters 900 Washington Street, #105 Franklinton, LA 70438-1719

Parish	Parish Seat
Webster	Webster Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 674 Minden, LA 71058-0674
W. Baton Rouge	W. Baton Rouge Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 31 Port Allen, LA 70767-0031
W. Carroll	W. Carroll Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 71 Oak Grove, LA 71263-0071
W. Feliciana	W. Feliciana Parish Registrar of Voters PO Box 2490 St. Francisville, LA 70775-2490
Winn	Winn Parish Registrar of Voters 119 W. Main Street, Rm 105 Winnfield, LA 71483-3238

Want to change the world? VOTE!

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