

# North Dakota

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary*	State Primary	General Election
	N/A	June 12, 2012	November 6, 2012
Registration	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ballot Request	N/A	April 28, 2012	September 22, 2012
Ballot Return	N/A	<b>Postmarked by:</b> June 12, 2012 <b>Received by:</b> June 15 or 18, 2012, depending on the county	<b>Postmarked by:</b> November 6, 2012 <b>Received by:</b> November 9 or 12, 2012, depending on the county

**These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.**

Information is current as of September 2011. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

\* North Dakota has a Caucus system for selecting Presidential Nominees.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

North Dakota does not have voter registration. You must still complete the Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot. The form requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

**Block 1:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your North Dakota Driver's License OR State issued identification number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, leave this block blank.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required unless you wish to receive your ballot by fax or electronically. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** North Dakota allows you to receive your absentee ballot by mail, email, or fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not

make a selection but provide an email address, then your local election official will email your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your North Dakota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

North Dakota allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email, or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at

[www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/voting/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/voting/index.html). You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your absentee ballot request, you may track in online at <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/AbsenteeTracker.aspx>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

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

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad and who is eligible to vote and who has never lived in the U.S. may vote in the county where a parent is eligible to vote.

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## Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots 46 days before elections.

**Voted ballots must be postmarked before Election Day and received by the local election office before the county canvassing board meets, as early as 3 days after the election.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail, email, or fax. Use FPCA email or fax instructions under “How and Where to Submit Your FPCA.”

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the “Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD”. This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

## Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/AbsenteeTracker.aspx>.

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## Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.
- If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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## Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

North Dakota allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as a simultaneous absentee ballot request and for voting in primary, special, and general elections for Federal, State, and local offices and ballot questions. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:

**Block 1:** North Dakota does not require voter registration. Do not check the registration block.

**Block 2:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid North Dakota Driver's License number OR State issued identification number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, leave this block blank.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your North Dakota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any local, State or Federal office or ballot question in a general, special, or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/wheretovote.aspx>. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

### How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be submitted to the local election office before 11:59 pm on the day before the election.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

North Dakota allows you to submit the FWAB by mail, email, or fax.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the ballot directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found below.

If you choose to email your FWAB, you should send it as a signed, scanned attachment. Include ballot, voter

affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found below. It is recommended that you also submit the FWAB by mail.

If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax it directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found below. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

## Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Adams County Auditor PO Box 589 Hettinger, ND 58639-0589 Fax: 701 567-2910 Email: pcarroll@nd.us
Barnes	Barnes County Auditor 230 4th Street NW, Room 202 Valley City, ND 58072-2947 Fax: 701 845-8548 Email: emcgough@co.barnes.nd.us
Benson	Benson County Auditor PO Box 206 Minnewaukan, ND 58351-0206 Fax: 701 473-5571 Email: bserickson@state.nd.us
Billings	Billings County Auditor PO Box 168 Medora, ND 58645-0168 Fax: 701 623-4761 Email: jjurgens@nd.gov
Bottineau	Bottineau County Auditor 314 W. 5th Street, Bottineau, ND 58318-1268 Fax: 701 228-5181 Email: list.herbel@co.bottineau.nd.us
Bowman	Bowman County Auditor 104 1st Street NW, Suite 1 Bowman, ND 58623-4342 Fax: 701 523-4899 Email: stivis@bowmancountynd.gov
Burke	Burke County Auditor PO Box 310 Bowbells, ND 58721-0310 Fax: 701 377-2020 Email: jsjensen@nd.gov
Burleigh	Burleigh County Auditor PO Box 5518 Bismarck, ND 58506-5518 Fax: 701 222-7528 Email: kglatt@nd.gov
Cass	Cass County Auditor PO Box 2806 Fargo, ND 58108-2806 Fax: 701 241-5728 Email: buckhoused@casscountynd.gov
Cavalier	Cavalier County Auditor 901 3rd Street, Suite 15 Langdon, ND 58249-2457 Fax: 701 256-2546 Email: droppel@nd.gov

County	Mailing Address
Dickey	Dickey County Auditor PO Box 215 Ellendale, ND 58436-0215 Fax: 701 349-4639 Email: bkuska@nd.gov
Divide	Divide County Auditor PO Box 49 Crosby, ND 58730-0049 Fax: 701 965-4370 Email: gjastrze@nd.gov
Dunn	Dunn County Auditor 205 Owens St Manning, ND 58642-0105 Fax: 701 573-4323 Email: rehauck@nd.gov
Eddy	Eddy County Auditor 524 Central Avenue New Rockford, ND 58356-1652 Fax: 701 947-2279 Email: mriplin@nd.gov
Emmons	Emmons County Auditor PO Box 129 Linton, ND 58552-0129 Fax: 701 254-4012 Email: mohlhauer@nd.gov
Foster	Foster County Auditor PO Box 104 Carrington, ND 58421-0104 Fax: 701 652-2173 Email: rschlotm@nd.gov
Golden Valley	Golden Valley County Auditor PO Box 67 Beach, ND 58621-0067 Fax: 701 872-4383 Email: cstedman@midstate.net
Grand Forks	Grand Forks County Auditor PO Box 5726 Grand Forks, ND 58206-5726 Fax: 701 780-8207 Email: debbie.nelson@gfcounty.com
Grant	Grant County Auditor PO Box 227 Carson, ND 58529-0227 Fax: 701 622-3005 Email: kbachmeier@nd.gov
Griggs	Griggs County Auditor PO Box 511 Cooperstown, ND 58425-0511 Fax: 701 797-3587 Email: cindy.anton@griggscounty.gov
Hettinger	Hettinger County Auditor PO Box 157 Mott, ND 58646-0157 Fax: 701 824-2717 Email: rsteiner@nd.gov
Kidder	Kidder County Auditor PO Box 167 Steele, ND 58482-0167 Fax: 701 475-2202 Email: mkeily@nd.gov
LaMoure	LaMoure County Auditor PO Box 128 LaMoure, ND 58458-0128 Fax: 701 883-4514 Email: michial.johnson@co.lamoure.nd.us
Logan	Logan County Auditor 301 Broadway Napoleon, ND 58561-7010 Fax: 701 754-2280 Email: baschuma@nd.gov
McHenry	McHenry County Auditor 401 Main Street S, Room 201 Towner, ND 58788-4029 Fax: 701 537-5969 Email: dcarpenter@nd.gov

County	Mailing Address
McIntosh	McIntosh County Auditor PO Box 39 Ashley, ND 58413-0039 Fax: 701 288-3671 Email: gketterl@nd.gov
McKenzie	McKenzie County Auditor PO Box 543 Wattford City, ND 58854-0543 Fax: 701 444-4113 Email: lsvihovec@co.mckenzie.nd.us
McLean	McLean County Auditor PO Box 1108 Washburn, ND 58577-1108 Fax: 701 462-3542 Email: lfoss@nd.gov
Mercer	Mercer County Auditor PO Box 39 Stanton, ND 58571-0039 Fax: 701 745-3793 Email: merhardt@nd.gov
Morton	Morton County Auditor 210 2nd Avenue, NW Mandan, ND 58554-3158 Fax: 701 667-3453 Email: dawn.rhone@mortonnd.org
Mountrail	Mountrail County Auditor PO Box 69 Stanley, ND 58784-0069 Fax: 701 628-2276 Email: joanh@co.mountrail.nd.us
Nelson	Nelson County Auditor 210 B Avenue West, Suite 201 Lakota, ND 58344-7410 Fax: 701 247-2754 Email: wdauidson@nd.gov
Oliver	Oliver County Auditor PO Box 188 Center, ND 58530-0188 Fax: 701 794-3476 Email: jhintz@nd.gov
Pembina	Pembina County Auditor 301 Dakota Street W1 Cavalier, ND 58220-4100 Fax: 701 265-4876 Email: lschlitt@nd.gov
Pierce	Pierce County Auditor 240 SE 2nd Street, Suite 6 Rugby, ND 58368-1897 Fax: 701 776-6942 Email: kfursath@nd.gov
Ramsey	Ramsey County Auditor 524 4th Avenue NE, Unit 6 Devils Lake, ND 58301-2490 Fax: 701 662-7049 Email: befische@nd.gov
Ransom	Ransom County Auditor PO Box 668 Lisbon, ND 58054-0668 Fax: 701 683-5827 Email: cgilbert@nd.gov
Renville	Renville County Auditor PO Box 68 Mohall, ND 58761-0068 Fax: 701 756-7158 Email: lfisher@nd.gov
Richland	Richland County Auditor 418 2nd Avenue N Wahpeton, ND 58075-4400 Fax: 701 642-7701 Email: hbailey@co.richland.nd.us
Rolette	Rolette County Auditor PO Box 939 Rolla, ND 58367-0939 Fax: 701 477-6339 Email: vmcloud@nd.gov

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Sargent	Sargent County Auditor 355 Main Street S, Suite 1 Forman, ND 58032-4149 Fax: 701 724- 6244 Email: sherry.hosford@co.sargent.nd.us
Sheridan	Sheridan County Auditor PO Box 439 McClusky, ND 58463-0439 Fax: 701 363-2953 Email: smurray@nd.gov
Sioux	Sioux County Auditor PO Box L Fort Yates, ND 58538-0529 Fax: 701 854-3854 Email: bhettich@nd.gov
Slope	Slope County Auditor PO Box NN Amidon, ND 58620-0449 Fax: 701 879-6278 Email: lbuzalsky@nd.gov
Stark	Stark County Auditor PO Box 130 Dickinson, ND 58602-0130 Fax: 701 456-7634 Email: khaag@starkcountynd.gov
Steele	Steele County Auditor PO Box 275 Finley, ND 58230-0275 Fax: 701 524-1715 Email: lleadbet@nd.gov
Stutsman	Stutsman County Auditor 511 2nd Avenue SE, Suite102 Jamestown, ND 58401-4298 Fax: 701 251-6325 Email: nojohnso@nd.gov
Towner	Towner County Auditor PO Box 603 Cando, ND 58324-0603 Fax: 701 968-4342 Email: jmorloch@nd.gov
Traill	Traill County Auditor PO Box 429, Hillsboro, ND 58045-0429 Fax: 701 636-5418 Email: rebecca.braaten@co.traill.nd.us
Walsh	Walsh County Auditor 600 Cooper Avenue Grafton, ND 58237-1509 Fax: 701 352-3340 Email: skinsala@nd.gov
Ward	Ward County Auditor PO Box 5005 Minot, ND 58702-5005 Fax: 701 857-6424 Email: devra.smestad@wardnd.com
Wells	Wells County Auditor PO Box 37 Fessenden, ND 58438-0037 Fax: 701 547-3719 Email: jrudel@nd.gov
Williams	Williams County Auditor PO Box 2047 Williston, ND 58802-2047 Fax: 701 577-4510 Email: bethi@co.williams.nd.us

