

## FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**AUTHORITY:** 42 USC 1973ff, "Title 1 - Registration and Voting By Absent Uniformed Services Voters and Overseas Voters in Elections for Federal Office."

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** Serves as a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot for general elections or other elections provided by law or special provisions for all persons covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*.

**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; however failure to furnish requested personal information may result in the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot not being recognized and therefore not counted.

Please read instructions before completion. If you have any questions, consult your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or Embassy/Consulate Voting Assistance Officer, the *Voting Assistance Guide*, or <http://www.fvap.gov>. Type or print legibly.

### 1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION:

**Block 1b.** Some states may accept the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation as a registration form if you have not registered previously in that jurisdiction. See the *Voting Assistance Guide*. For those states that do not accept the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation as a request form and you have not previously submitted a Federal Post Card Application, your ballot may not be counted.

**Block 2. MY INFORMATION. Block 2d. RACE.** This information is requested from some states for statistical purposes by the Department of Justice in its enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act.

**Block 3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS.** Enter the complete legal voting residence address where you ACTUALLY LIVED in the state or territory. Your right to vote in your state and determination of your voting precinct depend on the physical location of your residence while you were in the state. DO NOT USE A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER. In an area with no street names, indicate route name and number and box number. Also provide any additional information necessary to physically describe your residence location. This voting residence address must be the same as the voting residence on the application for your regular absentee ballot previously submitted.

### Block 4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS.

**Block 4a.** Enter the complete mailing address where you are now living. **Block 4b.** If you have an alternate address or an address of a mail forwarding service that delivers your mail more quickly, enter that address here.

### Block 5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE.

This is an optional entry, however, this information is required by most states in order to vote in primary elections. Consult the *Voting Assistance Guide* for any specific state information required.

**Block 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot.

**Block 7. AFFIRMATION.** Ensure that you read the oath, sign, and enter the date you completed the form in the spaces provided. Not all states require a witness or notary, and state laws vary regarding the voting of convicted felons. Consult your state section of the *Voting Assistance Guide* or your Voting Assistance Officer for your state's requirements.

### 2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

**a.** For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. If your state permits, you may vote for other offices in the spaces provided under the "ADDENDUM" section.

**b.** Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in a blank envelope and seal - this will be the security envelope for the ballot. **PLACE ONLY THE VOTED BALLOT IN THE SECURITY ENVELOPE AND DO NOT WRITE ON THE SECURITY ENVELOPE.**

**c.** Insert the sealed Security Envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into another envelope and seal.

**d.** If mailed in U.S. Mail, APO/FPO or Diplomatic Pouch, affix proper postage. If mailed in a foreign postal system, international airmail postage must be affixed. In the return address section in the upper left hand corner of the mailing envelope, enter your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address. In the "TO" section in the center of the mailing envelope, enter the name and mailing address of your city, township, village, county or state election official. Consult the *Voting Assistance Guide* for correct address. This must be the same election official where you sent your application for an absentee ballot.

**e.** Some states allow the electronic transmission of FWABs. Consult the *Voting Assistance Guide* for your state or territory's procedures. Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for specific state and territorial procedures.

**VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION - FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (FWAB)**

**1.a. I AM (Mark only one):**

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

1.b. I ALSO REQUEST VOTER REGISTRATION *(where permitted by state law)*

**2. MY INFORMATION (Required)**

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

**3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required)** *(Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)*

a. NUMBER AND STREET *(Cannot be a P.O. Box.)*

b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE      c. COUNTY      d. STATE      e. ZIP CODE  
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**4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS**

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

**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 future ballots. See instructions. Consult your state pages of the Voting Assistance Guide for additional information requested.)*

**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 application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or the state deadline, whichever is later, and
  6. I have not received the requested ballot, and
  7. I understand that if my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this write-in ballot will be voided, and
  8. I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law and I have not been influenced, and
  9. I am a Uniformed Services member, or dependent, who is absent from my voting jurisdiction, or I am an overseas citizen and have submitted this ballot from outside the U.S., or my state has made special provisions to allow me to mail this ballot inside the U.S., and
  10. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
  11. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MMDDYYYY)      Witness/Notary and Address (if required)      (MMDDYYYY)

# OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

**PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT**

**U.S. SENATOR\***

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE\*\*/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER\*\***

\* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

\*\* Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

## ADDENDUM

Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. *If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above*, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

**OFFICE**

**CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION**

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**OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT** (continuation)

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**CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION**

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

### **BEFORE YOU SEAL THE MAILING ENVELOPE, CHECK THAT YOU HAVE DONE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Complete the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation.
2. Sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation and put inside the mailing envelope.
3. Vote your Ballot.
4. Put your voted Ballot in the Security Envelope and seal.
5. Put the sealed Security Envelope in the mailing envelope.
6. Seal the mailing envelope.
7. Put your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address in the upper left hand corner of the envelope.
8. Put address of proper election official in the middle of the envelope. This address must be the same local election official address where you previously submitted your regular absentee ballot application.
9. Affix proper postage.

### **NOW YOU ARE READY TO MAIL THIS ENVELOPE!**