

# Alaska

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| DEADLINES      | Presidential Primary* | State Primary<br>August 28, 2012   | General Election<br>November 6, 2012  |
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| Registration   | N/A                   | July 29, 2012  | October 7, 2012   |
| Ballot Request | N/A                   | August 18, 2012  | October 27, 2012  |
| Ballot Return  | N/A                   | <b>From Within U.S.:</b><br>September 7, 2012<br><b>From Outside U.S.:</b><br>September 12, 2012 | <b>From Within U.S.:</b><br>November 16, 2012<br><b>From Outside U.S.:</b><br>November 21, 2012 |

**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 October 2012. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

\* Alaska has a Caucus system for selecting Presidential Nominees.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections after the date the application is submitted.

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

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

**Block 2:** To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are registered non-partisan or undeclared, you must indicate which party ballot you want to receive. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official no later than 30 days prior to the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle). Enter any former name under which you were registered in Alaska.

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Your valid Alaska Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Alaska State Identification Card number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess any of these

identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**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 6:** Alaska allows you to receive your ballot by mail fax, or electronically via download from a secure website. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number in Block 9. If you do not make a selection, Alaska will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Alaska voting residence. You may provide your street name and house number, highway name and milepost number, building number and street name on a military base, subdivision with lot and block number. Do not use a post office box number, highway contact number and box, rural route number, commercial address or mail stop address. If in a rural village you may provide community name as your residence address or describe its location in Block 9.

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

**Block 9:** When initially registering to vote by mail from outside Alaska, you must enclose proof of Alaska residency (such as a copy of a current Alaska Driver's License or a leave and earning statement reflecting Alaska as place of residency) with this application.

Enter your passport or identity card number if you are an overseas citizen. This is not required for Uniformed Service members and their families.

Alternatively, if you are an overseas citizen, were last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S. and do not intend to return to Alaska as a resident you may register as a “Federal Voter” and participate in only elections for Federal office. To request this option, write: “I wish to register as a Federal voter and was last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S.” You must provide a copy of your valid passport, card of identity and registration, or other identification issued under the authority of the U.S. Secretary of State with this application.

In addition to mailing a regular ballot, Alaska provides a Special Advance Write-In Ballot up to 60 days before the election to any voter outside the U.S. who has requested it. This ballot allows you to vote for Federal, State, and Judicial offices, and any ballot propositions appearing on the ballot. To request it, write in Block 9: “Please send a special advance ballot”.

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:

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

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to:

Absentee Voting Office  
619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Ste 329  
Anchorage, AK 99501-1677

If you choose to email your FPCA, send your FPCA as a signed, scanned attachment to [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.gov).

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to (907) 677-9943. 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) 696-2148, 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 fax 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 registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to: [www.elections.alaska.gov/ot.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/ot.php).

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

### Late Registration

In a Presidential election year, you may register after the 30-day deadline and your vote for President will be counted. Your application to register and receive a by-mail ballot must be received 10 days before Election Day. Your application to register and receive an electronic or by-fax ballot must be received no later than 5pm the day before Election Day.

### Ballot Request by Proxy

Alaska allows a person with power of attorney to make a change to the voter’s registration or apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter. A copy of the power of attorney must be submitted with the application.

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## Voting Your Ballot

The Alaska Absentee Voting Office mails absentee ballots beginning 45 days before the election.

**Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day. Ballots mailed from outside the U.S. must be received no later than 15 days after the election. Ballots mailed from within the U.S. must be received no later than 10 days after the election.**

Voted ballots must be sworn to before one witness (18 years or older).

Alaska allows you to return the voted ballot by mail, fax(if you requested your ballot to be faxed to you) or electronically via upload to a secure website (if you downloaded your ballot from the secure website) . Follow instructions sent with the ballot.

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: [www.elections.alaska.gov/ot.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/ot.php).

## 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.

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

Alaska allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in primary, special, and general elections for Federal, State, and Judicial offices and ballot propositions. 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:** Alaska allows you to use this form for registration.

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

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle). Enter any former name under which you were registered in Alaska.

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid Alaska Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Alaska State Identification Card Number.

**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 6:** If using this form for registration, enter your political party affiliation or write undeclared or non-partisan. Your political party affiliation 30 days before the primary election determines the party ballot you are eligible to receive.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Alaska voting residence. You may provide your street name and house number, highway name and milepost number, building number and street name on a military base, subdivision with lot and block number. Do not use post office box number, highway contact number and box, rural route number, commercial address or mail stop address. If in a rural village you may provide community name as your residence address or describe its location in Block 9.

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

**Block 9:** When initially registering to vote by mail from outside Alaska, you must enclose proof of Alaska residency (such as a copy of a current Alaska Driver's License or a leave and earning statement reflecting Alaska as place of residency) with this application.

Alternatively, if you are an overseas citizen, were last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S. and do not intend to return to Alaska as a resident you may register as a "Federal Voter" and participate in only elections for Federal office. To request this option, write: "I wish to register as a Federal voter and was last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S." You must provide a copy of your valid passport, card of identity and registration, or other identification issued under the authority of the U.S. Secretary of State with this application.

If you are an overseas citizen, enter your passport or identity card number or other identification issued under the authority of the U.S. Secretary of State. This is not required for Uniformed Service members and their families.

Provide any additional information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. This form must be sworn to before one witness (18 years or older).

### Vote Your FWAB:

To find out the races, candidates, and ballot propositions for which you can vote, go to [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov). For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or in the General Election, either the candidate's name or a political party designation. For judicial candidates and ballot propositions, write the judicial candidates name or ballot proposition title in the "Office" column and vote with a "Yes" or "No" vote. 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 registration form, ballot request, and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office no later than 30 days before the election.

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a ballot request and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election official no later than 10 days before Election Day.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline.

If you receive the regular ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular ballot will be counted.

Alaska allows you to submit the FWAB by mail 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 your FWAB directly to:

Absentee Voting Office  
619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Ste 329  
Anchorage, AK 99501-1677

You may submit the FWAB by fax only if you requested on your application to have your ballot faxed to you. If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax it directly to (907) 677-9943. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB and signed transmittal sheet toll-free. 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 fax numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).