

# South Carolina

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary Rep: January 21, 2012 Dem: TBD	State Primary June 12, 2012	State Primary Runoff Election June 26, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	Rep: December 21, 2011 Dem: TBD	May 12, 2012	May 12, 2012	October 6, 2012
Ballot Request	Rep: 5 pm, January 20, 2012 Dem: TBD	5 pm, June 11, 2012	5 pm, June 25, 2012	5 pm, November 5, 2012
Ballot Return	Rep: 7 pm, January 21, 2012 Dem: TBD	7 pm, June 12, 2012	7 pm, June 26, 2012	7 pm, November 6, 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 2011. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted. Voters should submit a new application after January 1 of each year to qualify for all upcoming Federal elections.

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

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

**Block 2:** South Carolina does not require you to register to vote by party. However, to vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party preference to ensure you receive that party's ballot. If you want to change your political party preference, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official. Political party preference is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

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

**Block 4:** Sex

Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list: B/AA = Black/ African American; H = Hispanic; A= Asian; W = White; N= Native American; O = Other.

Date of Birth

Social Security 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:** South Carolina 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, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your South Carolina 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:** In addition to mailing a regular ballot, South Carolina provides a State Write-In Absentee Ballot to any voter unable to vote using the regular absentee voting process due to military service or due to living in extremely remote areas. This ballot allows you to vote for Federal offices, State offices, and members of the South Carolina

General Assembly. You must request this ballot 90 or less days before the election. To request it, write in Block 9: "I am unable to vote by regular absentee ballot or in person due to requirements of military service or due to living in isolated or extremely remote areas of the world. I request a special write-in absentee 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:**

South Carolina 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 [http://www.scvotes.org/how\\_to\\_register\\_absentee\\_voting](http://www.scvotes.org/how_to_register_absentee_voting).

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers for election officials can be found at [http://www.scvotes.org/how\\_to\\_register\\_absentee\\_voting](http://www.scvotes.org/how_to_register_absentee_voting). 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 registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to South Carolina's voter registration verification website at: <https://webprod.cio.sc.gov/SCSECVoterWeb/voterInformationSearch.do>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

### **Late Registration**

Any person eligible to register who has been discharged or separated from service in the Armed Forces and returned home after the registration deadline may register to vote in the next election up to 5:00 pm on election day. They must register at their local election office, and if qualified, they will be issued a registration notification with their voting precinct and a certification to the precinct managers stating that the person is registered and entitled to vote.

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## **Voting Your Ballot**

Local election officials send absentee ballots at least 45 days before elections.

**Voted ballots must be received by the local election office by the close of polls on Election Day.**

The oath on the ballot return envelope must be signed.

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://webprod.cio.sc.gov/SCSECVoterWeb/voterInformationSearch.do>.

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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.

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

South Carolina allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in primary, special, run-off, and general elections for Federal, State, and local offices and non-candidate ballot issues. 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:** South Carolina allows you to use this form for registration.

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

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

**Block 4:** Sex

Requested but not required. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list: B/AA = Black/ African American; H = Hispanic; A= Asian; W = White; N= Native American; O = Other.

Date of Birth

Social Security 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 you are using this form to register and wish to vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you want to change your political party preference, submit a completed Federal Post Card Application indicating your new party preference to the local election official.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your South Carolina 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 for local, State or Federal office in a general, special, or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org). 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 registration form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the registration deadline.

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.

South Carolina 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 at:

[http://www.scvotes.org/how\\_to\\_register\\_absentee\\_voting](http://www.scvotes.org/how_to_register_absentee_voting).

If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax it directly to your local election official. Fax numbers for election officials can be found at [http://www.scvotes.org/how\\_to\\_register\\_absentee\\_voting](http://www.scvotes.org/how_to_register_absentee_voting). 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 Official Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Abbeville	Abbeville Board of Voter Registration PO Box 417 Abbeville, SC 29620-0417 Fax: (864) 366-5797 Email: klondon@abbevilcountysc.com
Aiken	Aiken Board of Voter Registration PO Box 3127 Aiken, SC 29802-3127 Fax: (803) 642-2029 Email: cholland@aikencountysc.gov
Allendale	Allendale Board of Voter Registration 426 Mulberry Street, Unit A Allendale, SC 29810-0552 Fax: (803) 584-8147 Email: vr03dwillis@hotmail.com
Anderson	Anderson Board of Voter Registration 107 S. Main Street, Room 101 PO Box 8002 Anderson, SC 29622 Fax: (864) 260-4203 Email: acvote@andersoncountysc.org
Bamberg	Bamberg Board of Voter Registration PO Box 947 Bamberg, SC 29003 Fax: (803) 245-3027 Email: ppj57@bellsouth.net
Barnwell	Barnwell Board of Voter Registration Barnwell County Agricultural Building 34 Pechman Street Barnwell, SC 29812 Fax: (843) 255-9429 or (843) 524-0617 Email: voter@bcgov.net
Beaufort	Beaufort Board of Elections & Registration PO Box 1228 Beaufort, SC 29901-1228 Fax: (843) 524-0617 or 843 255-9429 Email: voter@bcgov.net
Berkeley	Berkeley Board of Voter Registration PO Box 6122 Moncks Corner, SC 29461 Fax: (843) 719-4060 Email: charrell@berkeleycountysc.gov
Calhoun	Calhoun Board of Voter Registration 102 Courthouse Drive, Suite 113 St. Matthews, SC 29135 Fax: (803) 874-1242 Email: sjenkins@calhouncounty.sc.gov
Charleston	Charleston Board of Voter Registration PO Box 71419 North Charleston, SC 29415-1419 Fax: (843) 974-6419 Email: absentee@charlestoncounty.org
Cherokee	Cherokee Board of Voter Registration 1434 N. Limestone Street Gaffney, SC 29340 Fax: (864) 902-1127 Email: catie.allison@cherokeecountysc.com
Chester	Chester Board of Voter Registration PO Box 580 Chester, SC 29706-0580 Fax: (803) 581-2696 Email: emoore@chestercounty.org
Chesterfield	Chesterfield Board of Voter Registration 416 West Boulevard Chesterfield, SC 29709 Fax: (843) 623-3196 Email: vrcfield@hotmail.com
Clarendon	Clarendon Board of Voter Registration PO Box 548 Manning, SC 29102 Fax: (803) 435-8215 Email: vr14sblack@hotmail.com
Colleton	Colleton Board of Voter Registration PO Box 97 Walterboro, SC 29488 Fax: (843) 549-2812 Email: ecampbell@colletoncounty.org

County	Mailing Address
Darlington	Darlington Board of Voter Registration 131 Cashua Street Darlington, SC 29532-3322 Fax: (843) 398-4907 Email: vr16hcampbell@hotmail.com
Dillon	Dillon Board of Voter Registration PO Box 973 Dillon, SC 29536-0973 Fax: (843) 841-3728 Email: sedwardsvr17@aol.com
Dorchester	Dorchester Board of Voter Registration 201 Johnston Street Saint George, SC 29477 Fax: (843) 563-0186 Email: voteabsentee@dorchestercounty.net
Edgefield	Edgefield Board of Voter Registration PO Box 442 Edgefield, SC 29824-0442 Fax: (803) 637-4134 Email: vote@edgefieldcounty.sc.gov
Fairfield	Fairfield Board of Voter Registration PO Drawer 60 Winnsboro, SC 29180-0060 Fax: (803) 635-5095 Email: voterreg@fairfieldsc.com
Florence	Florence Board of Voter Registration 219 Third Loop Road Florence, SC 29505 Fax: (843) 292-1613 Email: alfordavid@gmail.com
Georgetown	Georgetown Board of Elections and Registration 303 N. Hazard Street Georgetown, SC 29440 Fax: (843) 545-3342 Email: vote@georgetowncountysc.org
Greenville	Greenville Board of Voter Registration Greenville County Square 301 University Ridge, Suite 1900 Greenville, SC 29601-3668 Fax: (864) 467-7256 Email: absentee@greenvillecounty.org
Greenwood	Greenwood Board of Voter Registration Park Place Building, Suite 113 600 Monument Street, Box P-117 Greenwood, SC 29646-2642 Fax: (864) 942-5664 Email: conniem@greewoodsc.gov
Hampton	Hampton Board of Voter Registration 201 Lee Avenue, Room 101 Hampton, SC 29924 Fax: (803) 943-7556 Email: dbryant@hamptoncountysc.org
Horry	Horry Board of Voter Registration 1515 4th Avenue Conway, SC 29526 Fax: (843) 915-6440 Email: martins@horrycounty.org
Jasper	Jasper Board of Voter Registration PO Box 299 Ridgeland, SC 29936-0299 Fax: (843) 726-7626 Email: jbstock@jaspercountysc.gov
Kershaw	Kershaw Board of Voter Registration 609 Lafayette Ave. Camden, SC 29020 Fax: (803) 424-4012 Email: voterregistration@kershaw.sc.gov
Lancaster	Lancaster Board of Voter Registration PO Box 1809 Lancaster, SC 29721-1809 Fax: (803) 416-9357 Email: cassie_stump@hotmail.com
Laurens	Laurens Board of Voter Registration PO Box 769 Laurens, SC 29360 Fax: (864) 983-2529 Email: lwest@co.laurens.sc.us

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Lee	Lee Board of Voter Registration PO Box 309 Bishopville, SC 29010 Fax: (803) 484-4392 Email: vr31lhill@hotmail.com
Lexington	Lexington Board of Voter Registration 605 W. Main Street, Suite 105 Lexington, SC 29072 Fax: (803) 785-8390 Email: dcrepes@lex-co.com
McCormick	McCormick Board of Voter Registration PO Box 636 McCormick, SC 29835 Fax: (864) 465-2489 Email: sjennings@mccormickcountysc.gov
Marion	Marion Board of Voter Registration 137 Airport Ct., Suite E Mullins, SC 29574 Fax: (843) 423-8267 Email: tmoody@marionsc.org
Marlboro	Marlboro Board of Voter Registration PO Box 502 Bennettsville, SC 29512-0502 Fax: (843) 454-0633 Email: vr35Ldavis@hotmail.com
Newberry	Newberry Board of Voter Registration PO Box 147 Newberry, SC 29108 Fax: (803) 321-2122 Email: brogers@newberrycounty.net
Oconee	Oconee Board of Voter Registration 415 S. Pine St. Walhalla, SC 29691 Fax: (864) 638-4197 Email: jbrooks@oconeesc.com
Orangeburg	Orangeburg Board of Voter Registration PO Box 9000 Orangeburg, SC 29116-9000 Fax: (803) 533-6215 Email: absentee@orangeburgcounty.org
Pickens	Pickens Registration and Election Commission 222 McDaniel Avenue, B-9 Pickens, SC 29671 Fax: (864) 898-5637 Email: rodneya@co.pickens.sc.us
Richland	Richland Board of Voter Registration PO Box 192 Columbia, SC 29202 Fax: (803) 576-2249 Email: absenteeballots@rcgov.us
Saluda	Saluda Board of Voter Registration 111 Law Range Saluda, SC 29138 Fax: (864) 445-9187 Email: f.jaynes@saludacounty.sc.gov
Spartanburg	Spartanburg Board of Voter Registration PO Box 1287 Spartanburg, SC 29304 Fax: (864) 596-2958 Email: voteabsentee@spartanburgcounty.org
Sumter	Sumter Board of Voter Registration 141 N. Main Street, Room 114 Sumter, SC 29150-4987 Fax: (803) 436-2405 Email: pjefferson@sumtercounty.org

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Union	Union Board of Voter Registration Supervisor's Office 320 E. Main Street Union, SC 29379 Fax: (864) 427-7851 Email: dpetit@countyofunion.com
Williamsburg	Williamsburg Board of Voter Registration 5 Courthouse Square Kingstree, SC 29556 Fax: (843) 355-2039 Email: edith.redden@williamsburgcounty.sc.com
York	York Board of Voter Registration E.C. Black Building 13 S. Congress Street York, SC 29745 Fax: (803) 684-7801 Email: elections@yorkcountygov.com

