

# Military and Overseas Voter Guidelines



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## **PREFACE**

This Military and Overseas Voter Guidelines booklet has been designed to provide information to Illinois citizens who live overseas or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will not be in their home county on Election Day. Please be advised that for military personnel, Illinois law allows for you to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time.

Additional information can be obtained from either our Springfield or Chicago office or from your local election authority (County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners). Please visit our website ([www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)) for a complete listing of all Election Authorities, along with their addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. A listing of local Election Authorities in Illinois is also included in this guide.

### **MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING EMPOWERMENT ACT**

The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act, was signed into law in October 2009 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2010. With the passage of the MOVE Act, the UOCAVA voter (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) has the option to choose the method of delivery for his/her vote by mail ballot. This means the voter can opt to have their ballot mailed, e-mailed or faxed to them. They can also receive their ballot through their Illinois MOVE site account.

The UOCAVA voter must sign their registration/ballot application and either mail, fax or scan the signed application and email it back to the election authority, before the request that appears in IVRS (Illinois Voter Registration System) can be processed. No matter what method of delivery the UOCAVA voter chooses, all procedures for verifying the application will still be in place.

The MOVE Act requires state election officials to provide online access to registration and ballot request forms, electronic options for blank ballot delivery, downloadable write-in ballots in case of late ballot arrival and voter status tracking services. MOVE updates and amends the UOCAVA Act (The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act).

### **FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) is a form provided by the Department of Defense to permit members of the U.S. Armed Forces, their dependents and U.S. citizens abroad to a vote by mail ballot and if necessary, to register to vote. This Postcard Application may be submitted by e-mail, fax or mail to your respective local election authority. It can be electronically obtained through [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

# Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

For any questions about this form, consult the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) or your Voting Assistance Officer.

For absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the U.S.

Please print in black ink.

<p><b>Classification</b> Make only 1 selection.</p> <p>(In most States, you must be absent from your voting district to use this form).</p>	1	<p>I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote <b>AND</b>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I am an eligible spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States, and I intend to return.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States, and my return is not certain.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen and have never resided in the United States.</p>
<p><b>Political party</b></p>	2	<p>Your State may require you to specify a political party to vote in primary elections: _____</p>
<p><b>Legal name</b></p>	3	<p>Last name _____ Suffix _____</p> <p>First name _____ Middle name _____</p> <p>Previous name (if applicable) _____</p>
<p><b>Identification</b> Some States require your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a>.</p>	4	<p>State Driver's License or ID _____</p> <p><b>OR</b> Social Security Number _____</p> <p>Birth date _____ Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Race _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">See instructions</p>
<p><b>Contact information</b> Include international prefixes. No DSN numbers.</p>	5	<p>Telephone _____</p> <p>Fax _____</p> <p>Email _____</p>
<p><b>Ballot receipt</b></p>	6	<p>Rank from 1-3 in order of preference; be sure appropriate contact information is provided above.</p> <p>I prefer to receive my ballot, as permitted by my State, by: <input type="checkbox"/> Email/Online <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Fax</p>
<p><b>Voting residence address</b> Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See instructions.</p>	7	<p>Street Address (not P.O. Box) _____ Apt. # _____</p> <p>City/Town/Village _____</p> <p>County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____</p>
<p><b>Where to send my ballot</b>  This is your current mailing address and should be different from above. If required, place a forwarding address in Box 9.</p>	8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 90px;"></div>
<p><b>Additional requirements for your State</b>  Such as: mail forwarding address, additional email address/phone number, or other State required information. See Voting Assistance Guide.</p>	9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 95px;"></div>

**Affirmation (REQUIRED):** I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, 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.
- 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
- I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

**Signature** X

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**Today's date** \_\_\_\_\_ You must sign and send in.

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Witness signature / date if required by your State.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF FPCA**

*The authority to collect your personal information on this form comes from 42 USC 1973ff, "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).*

- Block 1.** Select the category that describes you
- Block 2.** To vote in primary elections, you must enter political party affiliation. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting vote by mail ballots for general elections.
- Block 3.** Name (Last, First, Middle)
- Block 4.** Date of birth. Your valid Illinois Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the State will assign a number that will serve to identify you for your voter registration purposes.
- Block 5.** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your county elections official to follow up if more information is required.
- Block 6.** Illinois allows you to receive the vote by mail ballot by mail, email, and fax or via Illinois' Online Ballot Upload system. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your vote by mail ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in **Block 9**. If you do not make a selection, your local election official will mail your ballot to you.
- Block 7.** Complete street address of your Illinois voting residence. 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 county election official in accepting this application.
- Affirmation** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

**When completing the FPCA on-line, once the questions have been answered, print off the form in the PDF format, sign it and submit it by e-mail, fax or mail. Contact information is included in this guide or at [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov).**

## **MILITARY VOTERS**

### **Qualifications to vote:**

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old\*
- Not be registered to vote anywhere else.

\*A person who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus, general primary election, or consolidated primary election and who is otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to vote at that caucus, general primary, or consolidated primary, including voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot with respect to that general primary or consolidated primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the immediately following general election or consolidated election for which candidates are nominated at that primary. (10 ILCS 5/3-6)

Illinois law allows for military personnel to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time. A request for a vote by mail ballot shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every election in that one calendar year. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

### **Qualifications of a military voter:**

A military voter is one who is a member of the United States Uniformed Service currently on active duty. It also includes the following:

- A family member or dependent of voting age, accompanying them
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration
- U.S. Government employees serving outside the U.S. (10 ILCS 5/20-1)

### **How Do I Register to Vote and Request a Vote by Mail Ballot?**

If you meet all the qualifications to vote, registering to vote and requesting a vote by mail ballot is simple. Follow these steps:

- You should send an FPCA (or similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local election authority every year and whenever you change your mailing address. (Please visit our website at [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) for a complete listing of all election authorities, along with their addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. A listing is also included in this guide. (10 ILCS 5/20-1b)
- To apply for a vote by mail ballot, the local election authority must receive your FPCA or similar application form not later than 10 days before Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)
- Illinois law allows for a spouse or dependent (who is registered to vote) of the military member to register that person in lieu of the official postcard. (10 ILCS 5/20-3)
- Or a "MOVE" account may be created.

### **How Do I Create a MOVE Account?**

The MOVE site will enable you to set up a MOVE account to register to vote and request vote by mail ballots for upcoming Federal Elections. This site was designed to help ease the burden of members of the Uniformed Services (and their eligible dependents) and overseas voters in requesting a voter registration and a vote by mail ballot application. This site will give you the ability to keep in contact with your local election official and to track the status of your application and ballot. Go to [move.elections.il.gov](http://move.elections.il.gov) to create your account.

### **How Do I Cast My Vote?**

Voting is now easier for military voters.

- A military member on active duty (or who was on active duty at any time within 60 days of the election) is allowed to vote in person at the designated polling place for his or her permanent residence. Voter registration is not required. (10 ILCS 5/4-23)
- If voting by mail, the ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day, and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

## **FAMILIES OF MILITARY VOTERS**

### **Qualifications to vote:**

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old\*
- Not be registered to vote anywhere else.

\*A person who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus, general primary election, or consolidated primary election and who is otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to vote at that caucus, general primary, or consolidated primary, including voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot with respect to that general primary or consolidated primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the immediately following general election or consolidated election for which candidates are nominated at that primary. (10 ILCS 5/3-6)

Illinois law allows for military personnel to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time. A request for a vote by mail ballot shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every election in that one calendar year. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

A family member of a military voter is a spouse or dependent who, by reason of active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified and registered to vote.

Illinois law allows children born to military members, who have reached the age of 18 but have never resided in Illinois, to be eligible to vote in Illinois.

A family member (mother, father, sister, brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, may apply for an absentee ballots for such military voter, as long as they are a registered voter in the election precinct for which this application is made. (10 ILCS 5/20-3)

### **How Do I Register to Vote and Request a Vote by Mail Ballot?**

If you meet all the qualifications to vote, registering to vote and requesting a vote by mail ballot are simple. Follow these steps:

- You should send an FPCA (or a similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local election authority every year and whenever you change your mailing address. (Please visit our website, [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) for a complete listing of Election Authorities, along with their addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. A listing is also included in this guide. (10 ILCS 5/20-1b)
- You can apply to register to vote and to receive a vote by mail ballot simultaneously by executing the FPCA or similar application.
- To be eligible to receive a vote by mail ballot, the local election authority must receive your FPCA or similar application form not later than 10 days before Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)
- Or a "MOVE" account may be created.

### **How Do I Create a MOVE Account?**

The MOVE website will enable you to set up a MOVE account to register to vote and request vote by mail ballots for upcoming Federal Elections. This site was designed to help ease the burden of members of the Uniformed Services (and their eligible dependents) and overseas voters in requesting a voter registration and a vote by mail ballot application. This site will give you the ability to keep in contact with your local election official and to track the status of your application and ballot. Go to [move.elections.il.gov](http://move.elections.il.gov) to create your account.

### **How Do I Cast My Vote?**

Voting is now easier for the families of military voters. A family member is allowed to vote in person at the designated polling place of his or her permanent residence.

- If voting by mail, the ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day, and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

**\*Voters in this military section are entitled to a full ballot if their FPCA (or similar form) arrives at least 30 days before the election. If their FPCA (or similar form) arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before a Federal election, the voter will receive a ballot for Federal offices only.**

## **OVERSEAS VOTERS QUALIFICATIONS – TWO CATEGORIES**

**“Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States”** means civilian citizens of the United States and their spouses and dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying them, who maintain a precinct residence in a county in this State and who intend to return to that residence. (10 ILCS 5/20-1)

### **How Do I Register to Vote and Request a Vote by Mail Ballot?**

- You should send an FPCA (or a similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local election authority every calendar year and whenever you change your mailing address. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)
- \*If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election authority must receive your FPCA (or similar form) not later than 30 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, state and Federal offices. However, if your FPCA (or similar form) arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before the election, registration is waived and the local election official will send you a ballot for *Federal offices only*. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)
- \*\*If you are a registered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election authority must receive your FPCA (or similar form) not later than 10 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, state and Federal offices. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)
- Or a “MOVE” account may be created.

### **How Do I Create a MOVE Account?**

The MOVE website will enable you to set up a MOVE account to register to vote and request vote by mail ballots for upcoming Federal Elections. This site was designed to help ease the burden of members of the Uniformed Services (and their eligible dependents) and overseas voters in requesting a voter registration and a vote by mail ballot application. This site will give you the ability to keep in contact with your local election official and to track the status of your application and ballot. Go to [move.elections.il.gov](http://move.elections.il.gov) to create your account.

**\*Unregistered voters in this section are entitled to a full ballot if their FPCA (or similar form) arrives at least 30 days before the election. If their FPCA (or similar form) arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before a Federal election, the voter will receive a ballot for Federal offices only.**

**\*\*Registered voters in this section are entitled to a full ballot if their FPCA (or similar form) arrives at least 10 days before an election.**



**“Non-Resident Civilian Citizens”** means civilian citizens of the United States (a) who reside outside the territorial limits of the United States, (b) who had maintained a precinct residence in a county in this State immediately prior to their departure from the United States, (c) who do not maintain a residence and are not registered to vote in any other State, and (d) whose intent to return to this State may be uncertain. (10 ILCS 5/20-1)

#### **How Do I Register to Vote and Request a Vote by Mail Ballot?**

- You should send an FPCA (or a similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local election authority every calendar year and whenever you change your mailing address. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)
- If you are an overseas non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise qualified to vote in Illinois, you may make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over your precinct of former residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the Federal offices only. The application must be received not less than 10 days before a Federal Election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)
- Or a “MOVE” account may be created.

#### **How Do I Create a MOVE Account?**

The MOVE website will enable you to set up a MOVE account to register to vote and request vote by mail ballots for upcoming Federal Elections. This site was designed to help ease the burden of members of the Uniformed Services (and their eligible dependents) and overseas voters in requesting a voter registration and a vote by mail ballot application. This site will give you the ability to keep in contact with your local election official and to track the status of your application and ballot. Go to [move.elections.il.gov](http://move.elections.il.gov) to create your account.

#### **In a Federal election, voters in this section are entitled to receive a ballot for Federal offices only.**

*Illinois law requires that uniformed and overseas voters must have had a previous address in Illinois and not be registered to vote in any other state. Illinois law also allows uniformed and overseas voters to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time. Spouses and dependents of uniformed voters who have never resided in Illinois are also qualified to vote in Illinois elections. Spouses and dependents of “Non-Resident Civilian Citizens”, who have never resided in Illinois, are not qualified to vote in Illinois Elections. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3 and 20-3)*

## **General Information**

### **Casting Your Vote**

In order to be counted, the voted ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day, and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

Local election authorities shall, at least 46 days prior to the date of any election at which federal officers are elected and 45 days prior to any other regular election, have a sufficient number of ballots printed so that such ballots will be available for mailing 45 days prior to the date of the election to persons who have filed application for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

If ballots are not available by this date prior to the election, local election authorities must mail to the voter a Special Write-In Vote by Mail Blank ballot along with a list of candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot and all referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

### **Notary/Witness Requirements**

No registration or voting materials need be notarized or witnessed.

### **Electronic Transmission of FPCA's and Ballots**

Pursuant to the federal MOVE Act, FPCA's and ballots yet to be voted may be e-mailed, faxed or mailed. However, in order for your ballot to be counted, the FVAP requires that a hard copy containing an original signature must be received by the local election authority.

### **Late Registration**

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine or those discharged within 60 days of an election, who return to Illinois too late to register for the upcoming election are still entitled to vote in person in that election but only by affidavit. Registration is not required. Voters who register through grace period registration must vote in the office (or designated location) of the local election authority for that election.

### **Where to Send the FPCA (or similar form)**

Mail the completed FPCA (or similar form) to your respective County Clerk, City Board of Election Commissioners, or County Board of Election Commissioners. Addresses and phone numbers are listed on the following pages.

## ILLINOIS ELECTION AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION

### Adams County Clerk

507 Vermont St.  
Quincy, IL 62301  
Ph : 217/277-2150  
Fax : 217/277-2155  
[countyclerk@co.adams.il.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.adams.il.us)

### Alexander County Clerk

2000 Washington Avenue  
Cairo, IL 62914  
Ph: 618/734-7000  
Fax: 618/734-7002  
[acc@lazernetwireless.net](mailto:acc@lazernetwireless.net)

### Bond County Clerk

203 West College  
Greenville, IL 62246  
Ph: 618/664-0449  
Fax: 618/664-9414  
[countyclerk@bondcountylil.com](mailto:countyclerk@bondcountylil.com)

### Boone County Clerk

1212 Logan Avenue  
Suite 103  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
Ph: 815/544-3103  
Fax: 815/547-8701  
[ebluege@boonecountylil.org](mailto:ebluege@boonecountylil.org)

### Brown County Clerk

200 Court Street, Room 4  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
Ph: 217/773-3421 Ext. 6  
Fax: 217/773-2233  
[jlham1009@hotmail.com](mailto:jlham1009@hotmail.com)

### Bureau County Clerk

700 South Main Street, Rm. 104  
Princeton, IL 61356  
Ph: 815/875-2014  
Fax: 815/879-4803  
[bureauclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:bureauclerk@yahoo.com)

### Calhoun County Clerk

301 South County Road  
P.O. Box 187  
Hardin, IL 62047  
Ph: 618/576-9700 Ext. 2  
Fax: 618/576-9723  
[rita.hagen@calhouncountylil.net](mailto:rita.hagen@calhouncountylil.net)

### Carroll County Clerk

301 North Main St.  
P.O. Box 152  
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053  
Ph: 815/244-0221  
Fax : 815/244-3709  
[ccclerk1@carroll-county.net](mailto:ccclerk1@carroll-county.net)

### Cass County Clerk

100 E. Springfield St.  
P.O. Box 167  
Virginia, IL 62691  
Ph: 217/452-2277 Ext. 4  
Fax: 217/452-7219  
[countyclerk@co.cass.il.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.cass.il.us)

### Champaign County Clerk

1776 East Washington  
Urbana, IL 61802  
Ph: 217/384-3720  
Fax: 217/384-1241  
[mail@champaigncountyclerk.com](mailto:mail@champaigncountyclerk.com)

### Christian County Clerk

101 South Main St.  
P.O. Box 647  
Taylorville, IL 62568  
Ph: 217/824-4969 Ext. 236  
Fax: 217/824-5105  
[elections@christiancountylil.com](mailto:elections@christiancountylil.com)

### Clark County Clerk

501 Archer Ave.  
Marshall, IL 62441  
Ph: 217/826-8311  
Fax: 217/826-2519  
[clerk@clarkcountylil.org](mailto:clerk@clarkcountylil.org)

### Clay County Clerk

111 E. Chestnut St., Rm. 106  
P.O. Box 160  
Louisville, IL 62858  
Ph: 618/665-3626  
Fax : 618/665-3607  
[clayclock@wabash.net](mailto:clayclock@wabash.net)

### Clinton County Clerk

850 Fairfax St., Rm. 230  
P.O. Box 308  
Carlyle, IL 62231  
Ph: 618/594-6620 Ext. 139  
Fax : 618/594-0195  
[angela.peters@clintonco.illinois.gov](mailto:angela.peters@clintonco.illinois.gov)

### Coles County Clerk

651 Jackson Avenue, Room 122  
Charleston, IL 61920  
Ph: 217/348-0501  
Fax : 217/348-7337  
[elections@co.coles.il.us](mailto:elections@co.coles.il.us)

### Cook County Clerk

69 West Washington, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Ph: 312/603-0906  
Fax: 312/603-9788  
[UOCAVA.Voting@cookcountylil.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.Voting@cookcountylil.gov)

Crawford County Clerk  
100 Douglas St.  
P.O. Box 616  
Robinson, IL 62454  
Ph: 618/546-1212  
Fax: 618/546-0140  
[elections@crawfordcountyclerk.net](mailto:elections@crawfordcountyclerk.net)

Cumberland County Clerk  
140 Courthouse Square  
P.O. Box 146  
Toledo, IL 62468  
Ph: 217/849-2631  
Fax: 217-849-2968  
[cumbclerk-recorder@cumberlandco.org](mailto:cumbclerk-recorder@cumberlandco.org)

DeKalb County Clerk  
110 East Sycamore Street  
Sycamore, IL 60178  
Ph: 815/895-7149  
Fax: 815/895-7148  
[elections@dekalbcounty.org](mailto:elections@dekalbcounty.org)

DeWitt County Clerk  
201 West Washington Street  
Clinton, IL 61727  
Ph: 217/935-7780  
Fax: 217/935-7789  
[dsmith@dewittcountyill.com](mailto:dsmith@dewittcountyill.com)

Douglas County Clerk  
401 South Center  
P.O. Box 467  
Tuscola, IL 61953  
Ph: 217/253-2411  
Fax: 217/253-2233  
[clerk@douglascountyil.com](mailto:clerk@douglascountyil.com)

Edgar County Clerk  
115 West Court Street, Room "J"  
Paris, IL 61944  
Ph: 217/466-7433  
Fax : 217/466-7430  
[agriffin@edgarcountyillinois.com](mailto:agriffin@edgarcountyillinois.com)

Edwards County Clerk  
50 East Main Street, Ste. 12  
Albion, IL 62806  
Ph: 618/445-2115  
Fax: 618/445-4941  
[countyclerk@edco-il.us](mailto:countyclerk@edco-il.us)

Effingham County Clerk  
101 North 4<sup>th</sup>, Ste. 201  
P.O. Box 628  
Effingham, IL 62401  
Ph: 217/342-6535  
Fax: 217/342-3577  
[countyclerk@co.effingham.il.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.effingham.il.us)

Fayette County Clerk  
221 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm. 106  
P.O. Box 401  
Vandalia, IL 62471  
Ph: 618/283-5000  
Fax: 618/283-5004  
[vconder@fayettecountyillinois.org](mailto:vconder@fayettecountyillinois.org)

Ford County Clerk  
200 West State Street, Room 101  
Paxton, IL 60957  
Ph: 217/379-9400  
Fax: 217/379-9409  
[clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov)

Franklin County Clerk  
Public Square  
P.O. Box 607  
Benton, IL 62812  
Ph: 618/438-3221  
Fax: 618/435-3405  
[gwoolard@franklincountyil.org](mailto:gwoolard@franklincountyil.org)

Fulton County Clerk  
100 North Main St., Room 105  
Lewistown, IL 61542  
Ph: 309/547-3041 Ext. 117  
Fax: 309/547-3326  
[kmayberry@fultonco.org](mailto:kmayberry@fultonco.org)

Gallatin County Clerk  
484 N. Lincoln Blvd, West  
P.O. Box 550  
Shawneetown, IL 62984  
Ph: 618/269-3025  
Fax: 618/269-3343  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can I register to vote and request a vote by mail ballot at the same time?**

Yes, for military and overseas voters, Illinois law allows for you to register to vote and request a vote by mail ballot at the same time. If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election authority must receive your FPCA (or similar form) not later than 30 days before the election in order to receive a full ballot.

### **What is the Federal Postcard Application?**

The Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) form serves as both an application to register to vote and an application for a vote by mail ballot. The application may be downloaded from the Federal Voting Assistance website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### **Does the FPCA need a notary signature or a witness signature?**

No.

### **I am in the US military. Can I vote? Can my wife/husband vote?**

Any member of the US Armed Forces while on active duty and otherwise qualified to vote may vote by mail without first being registered to vote in Illinois. The wife or husband of the military person and all dependent, voting age children can also vote by mail without first being registered to vote. In order to vote in person on Election Day, the spouse or the child must be registered to vote in Illinois. The military member (if on active duty no more than 60 days prior to the election) need not be registered. For more information contact your local election authority. A list of County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners is available on the SBE website. This list will provide an address, a telephone number and an email address.

### **I would like to vote but don't know how. Where can I find assistance?**

Specific information on applying and registering to vote is contained in the *Voting Assistance Guide*, distributed by the Department of Defense. This *Guide* is a very valuable resource for the military and overseas voter. You may obtain a PDF version of the *Guide*, as well as other voting related information and links on the FVAP website, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### **Where do I send my FPCA?**

E-mail, fax or mail your completed FPCA to your respective local election authority.

### **Must I submit a separate application for each election?**

Submission of the FPCA serves as a request to receive a ballot for every election in one calendar year.

### **Is Internet voting allowed in Illinois?**

No, not currently.

### **Am I able to fax or email my completed ballot to the respective Election Authority?**

No. In order for the ballot to be counted, a hard copy of the ballot, along with an original signature on the ballot envelope must be mailed back to the election authority.

### **When mailing an FPCA or a voted ballot to my state or territory, do I have to pay postage?**

Generally, all election-related materials are mailed postage free from any APO or FPO mail facility, all U.S. embassies and consulates and any post office in the U.S. You must pay postage if the materials are mailed from a non-U.S. postal facility. In addition, state law allows for return delivery of a ballot by a licensed motor carrier engaged in the delivery of property (for example, UPS and Federal Express). You are however, responsible for any costs they charge.

**When is the best time to apply for a vote by mail ballot?**

FVAP recommends submitting the FPCA in January of each year. Be sure to notify your local election official of any change of address.

**What is an election for Federal Office?**

An election for Federal office is any general, primary, special, or runoff election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating, or electing any candidate for the office of President and Vice-President, Presidential elector, Member of the United States Senate, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Nominating Convention, and candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary.

**If I do not maintain a legal residence in the U.S., what is my “legal state of residence?”**

Your “legal state of residence” for voting purposes is the state or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the United States. This right extends to overseas citizens even though they may not have property or other ties in their last state or territory. When completing the residence section of the FPCA, be sure to enter the entire mailing address of your last residence, including street or rural route number.

This information is necessary to place you in the proper voting district, ward or precinct. Illinois allows family members of citizens temporarily residing overseas, who are U.S. citizens and who have never resided in the U.S., to claim their parent’s Illinois residence as their own. *Spouses and dependents of “Non-Resident Civilian Citizens”, who have never resided in Illinois, are not qualified to vote in Illinois Elections* (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2; compare to 5/20-2.3).

**Can I register or vote in person at the embassy or consulate?**

At the present time, there are no provisions for in person voting or on-site registration to be conducted at U.S. embassies or consulates. U.S. embassy and consular officials will assist U.S. citizens in completing FPCA forms for their state, witness or notarize FPCA forms and ballots (if required), and provide other voting by mail information. U.S. embassy and consulate locations serve also as a mailing point where FPCA forms and other election materials may be mailed back, postage paid, to your local voting jurisdiction in the U.S.

**May I register to vote online?**

Anyone with a current Illinois driver’s license or State ID may register to vote online at the following link on the Illinois State Board of Elections website: <http://www.elections.il.gov/InfoForVoters.aspx>

**Who is my State Senator? State Representative? Congressman? US Senator?**

Elected officials can be found by searching the District/Officials section of the SBE website. [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) Searches can be made by address, district type and number, or the public official’s name.

**SIX THINGS TO HELP ENSURE YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT IS COUNTED**

1. Start by contacting your Unit/Embassy/Organization Voting Assistance Officer for help in the vote by mail registration and voting process. In Illinois, military personnel are able to register to vote and apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time.
2. Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for information on voting by mail registration and voting process.
3. Ensure that you have applied for your vote by mail ballot using the hard copy or on-line versions of FPCA.
4. Track your application/ballot using the Illinois MOVE computer site (<https://move.elections.il.gov>).
5. Use the Federal Write-In Vote by Mail Ballot if you are overseas and your State vote by mail ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the state’s deadline.
6. Sign and mail your completed ballot.

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