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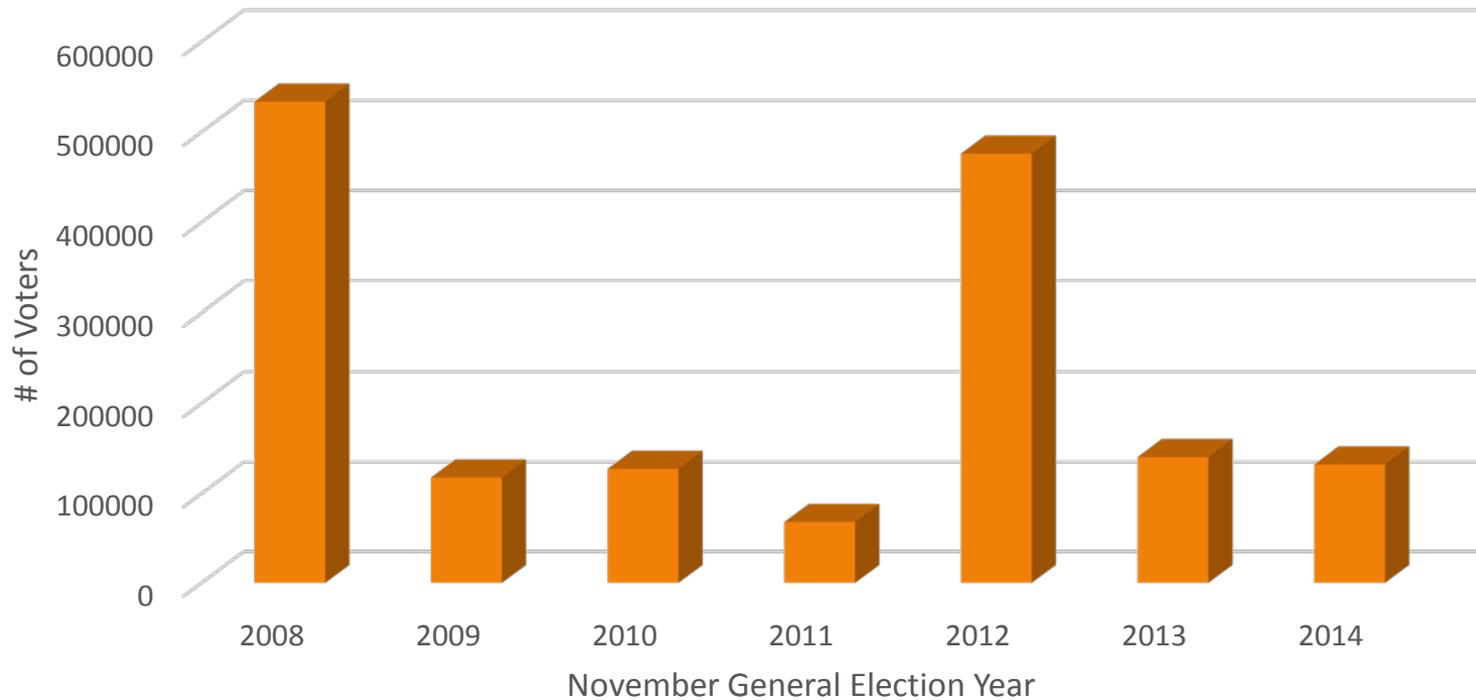
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Background on Absentee Voting

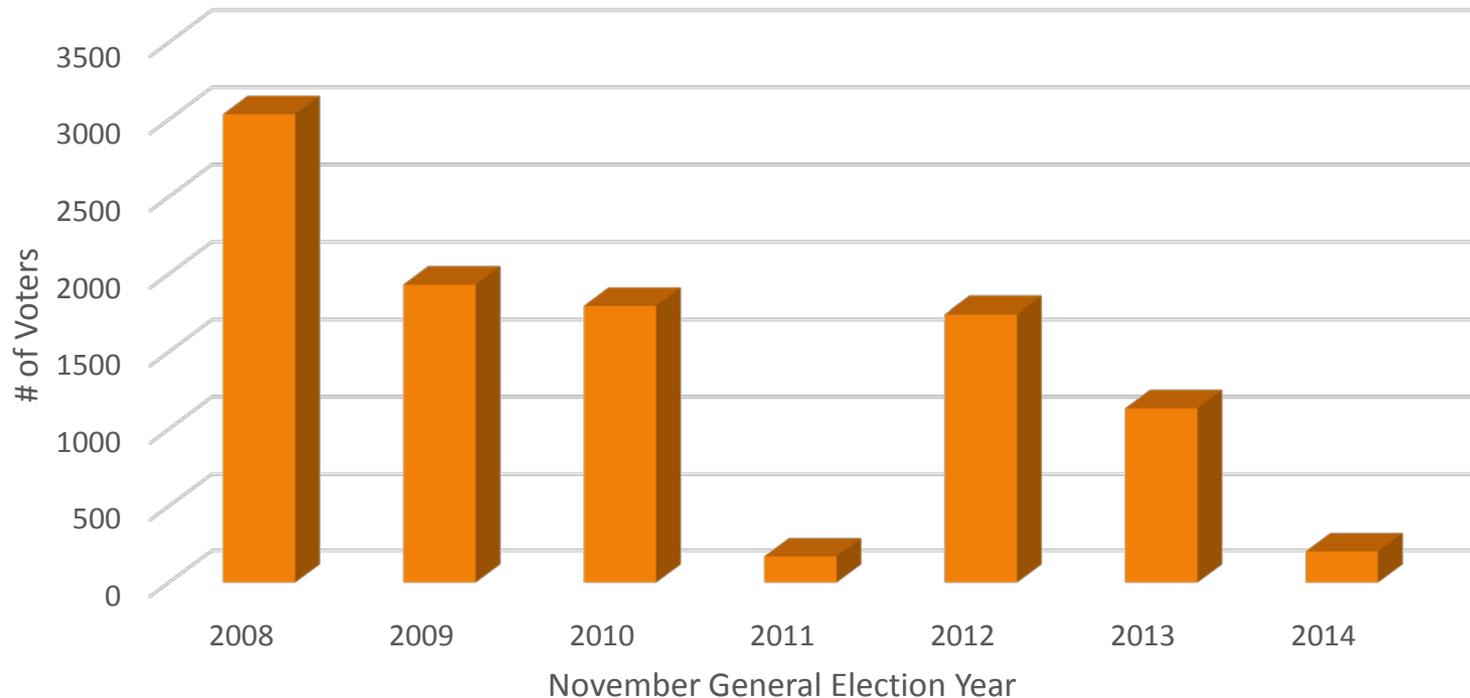
Absentee Applications





Background on Military Overseas Voting

Absentee Applications for Military Overseas Voters





Current Landscape

- UOCAVA voters can vote absentee using 3 methods
 - **Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)**
 - Grants the applicant absentee status for all eligible elections in the current calendar year plus the next full calendar year.
 - **Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)**
 - Vote and apply at the same time. Typically used in emergencies when there is not enough time to get the ballot, mark it and return it.
 - **Standard VA Absentee Application Processes**
 - Grants the applicant absentee status for the selected election.



Current Landscape Continued

- UOCAVA can receive ballots in 3 manners
 - Mailed
 - Ballot is mailed to their specified address.
 - E-mailed
 - A PDF ballot package is e-mailed to the voter.
 - Online
 - A link is e-mailed to the voter. The voter accesses the link, marks the ballot and prints off the marked PDF ballot package.



Current Landscape Continued

- UOCAVA can return ballots in 2 manners
 - Mailed
 - No matter how the ballot is received and completed, the ballot is mailed (USPS or commercial delivery service) to the local general registrars' office.
 - In-Person
 - A ballot can delivered to the local general registrars' office.



Important Notes About Ballots

- Must be sent in an inner envelope (security envelope) that is signed by both the voter and a witness.
- Ballots must be received by 7 PM on the day of the election (rare exceptions do exist).
- Are more likely to be hand-counted because the folded ballot won't go through the scanner.



Virginia's Online Ballot Delivery Tool

- A grant from FVAP has enabled VA to provide an online ballot delivery tool for UOCAVA voters.
- Participation by localities is voluntary, but is available for all.
- Setup of ballots in the system is a very manual process still.
- Not used very much, but gets good reviews by those that use it.



Sample E-mail to Voter

Dear Mr. Voter:

We received your request to have your absentee ballot for the June 12, 2012 Republican Party Primary sent to you by e-mail. To access your ballot, go to the following link:

<https://www.somesite.com/vaballot>

Once on this site, you will need to provide your last name, first name, date of birth and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number to access your ballot. This information must match what is on your voter registration record, which you can check at the following link:

<https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration>

Please make sure that you follow the instructions carefully. You will be able to complete the necessary forms and mark your ballot on the website. At the end of the process, you must download your ballot package and print it. Detailed instructions on how to return your ballot are included in the downloaded ballot package. Failure to complete all of the necessary documentation may result in your ballot not being cast. The voted ballot must be returned so that it is in this office no later than 7:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

If you would rather receive the traditional PDF version of your ballot package, please respond to this e-mail as soon as possible and I will be happy to send it to you.

Please contact me at either (804) 555-1234 or registrar@nosplittowns.gov if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

John Doe
General Registrar
County of No Split Towns
(804) 555-1234



What the Voter Sees

The screenshot shows the LiveBallot website interface. At the top left is the LiveBallot logo with the tagline "interactive, accessible, voter information." To the right of the logo is a graphic of the American flag. Below the logo and graphic is a navigation bar with links for Home, Online Ballot, Ballot Tracker, Help, and Contact. The main content area features a heading "Welcome Overseas and Uniformed Services Voters" followed by a paragraph explaining the site's purpose. To the right of this text is a "Get Started" section with two buttons: "Access My Ballot" and "View My Ballot Status".

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Welcome Overseas and Uniformed Services Voters

This site will help you get and return your absentee ballot. First, follow the screen prompts to get your ballot. Then, follow the instructions for returning your voted ballot.

Get Started

What would you like to do?

[Access My Ballot](#)

[View My Ballot Status](#)



Voter Enters Credentials

VA Credentials are last name, first name, date of birth and last 4 digits of the Social Security Number.



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Online Ballot - Voter Lookup

Please fill in the fields below to confirm your eligibility.

Last Name *

PIN *

Are you registered to vote?

You must be registered to vote in order to use this service. Click on the link below to verify or update your voter registration information.

[Check Your Voter Registration Status](#)

Even if you are registered to vote, you may need to update your absentee status as a uniformed/overseas voter. Click on the link below to learn more about absentee voting.

[Voter Registration and Absent Voter Ballot Applications](#)

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Online Marking Instructions

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OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
SAMPLE COUNTY, USA
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Precinct S_Pct

Instruction Text:

1. Each race on the ballot will be presented to you individually.
2. To record your selection for a Proposition or Candidate click on the item you would like to select.
3. To navigate through the ballot use the Next and Previous buttons located at the bottom. At any time you may exit the ballot by clicking the Review my Selections button when it is present.
4. After marking your ballot, we will show you a summary of your selections where you will have one more chance to make changes.
5. When done, you will be presented with options and specific instructions for returning the ballot to your elections department.

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Voter/Precinct Specific Ballot is Displayed



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STATE

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To vote, click on an option.

To change your vote, click on another option or click your selection again to deselect.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for ONE)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Nicholson	WHT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Julia Roberts	LIM

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Online Ballot Marking

To Vote, click on an option



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OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT Precinct S_Pct
SAMPLE COUNTY, USA
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

COUNTY

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To vote, click on an option.

To change your vote, click on another option or click your selection again to deselect.

COUNTY SHERIFF
(Vote for ONE)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clint Eastwood	RED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Wayne	BLU

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Online Ballot Review

✓ Ballot Review

✓ Change
Selection

✓ Accept Ballot

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Online Ballot - Review

Review your selections below. You may click on any contest to change your selection.

Selection Review		
FEDERAL		
UNITED STATES SENATOR	Write-In: Brad Pitt	Change
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 112th UNITED STATES CONGRESS DISTRICT 4	Steven Tyler	Change
STATE		
GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	Temperance "Bones" Brennan/ Seeley Booth	Change
SECRETARY OF STATE	Harrison Ford	Change
STATE TREASURER	50cent	Change
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Julia Roberts	Change
STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 1	Robert Duval	Change
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 63	Adam Sandler	Change
COUNTY ASSESSOR	Charles Bronson	Change
COUNTY SHERIFF	John Wayne	Change
COUNTY CORONER	Henry Winkler	Change
AMENDMENT 60 (CONSTITUTIONAL)	No	Change
PROPOSITION 101 (STATUTORY)	Yes	Change
PROPOSITION 102 (STATUTORY)	No	Change
MUNICIPAL		
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Yes	Change

Accept >

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Ballot Delivery



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Online Ballot - Return

Please select a return method below by

Mail

Instructions

- You will need 2 envelopes and postage if required.
- Cut-out label statements will be included to attach to the envelopes.
- Mail your ballot package as soon as possible to assure that it arrives in time to be counted.

[Download](#)



Printed Ballot Package (pdf)

The VA package wraps the ballot in a FWAB.

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

Returning your ballot by Email after marking your ballot online or printing and marking by hand:

Email Instructions

1. Ensure you have completely and clearly marked your selections on the ballot (using the online

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

You will need two (2) envelopes for returning your ballot by mail after marking your ballot online or printing and marking by hand:

1. A Security envelope for your ma
2. An outer envelope for returning voting instructions

1. Ensure you have completely and clearly marked your ballot (using the online

Security (Inner) Envelope Instructions

Note: Do not put your Oath of Voter Inside t

1. Print and cut out the Security and Mailing
2. Tape the Security Envelope label to the fr
3. Fold your ballot and insert into the Security
4. Tap the bottom of the security envelope so
5. Place the sealed Security Envelope so

Mailing (Outer) Envelope Instructions --

1. Fold the Mailing Label provided along the
2. Turn the label page over, open it back up
3. Fold in the short sides first and secure w
4. Fold in the long sides and tape complete
5. Mail the envelope.

Mailing (Outer) Envelope Instructions --

1. Using a pen, copy the return mail address

Oath of Voter

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

1. 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 date of the election), and I am 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., except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form. In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law. I have not been influenced.
5. I understand that I may only cast one ballot in any election. I further understand that anyone who votes more than once in the same election; or knowingly votes or attempts to vote more than one ballot for the same office, or on the same question; or procures or assists in procuring an illegal vote to be admitted, or received, at an election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and, on conviction thereof, shall for each offense be fined not more than one thousand dollars or confined in the county jail for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. W. Va. Code §3-9-17.

My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document.

I, _____, accurately, and complete the best of my knowledge, I
statement of fact in completion of this document may constitute

Date _____



Official Election Materials - Electronic Trans

Transmission (Cover) Sheet from Absentee Voter to E

To:

City/County _____
Board of Elections _____
Telephone Number _____
Fax Number _____
Street Address _____
Address 2 _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____

From:

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Middle Name _____
Telephone Number _____
Fax Number _____
Email Address _____

Additional Information:

If a VOTED BALLOT is being faxed or emailed, I
I understand that by faxing or emailing my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiv

signature: _____

Number of pages being transmitted, including this sheet: _____

OFFICIAL FEDERAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

SECURITY ENVELOPE

(ONLY PUT VOTED BALLOT INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE)

PRECINCT ID: 1

Name and Complete Address
Lewis County Clerk
PO Box 466
Weston, WV 26452
15714-4667



US POSTAGE PAID
38 USC 3406
PAR AVION

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST-CLASS MAIL

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IN THE U.S. MAIL - DMM 703.6.0

TO: Lewis County Clerk
PO Box 466
Weston, WV 26452

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT SAMPLE COUNTY, USA NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Precinct S_Pct

INSTRUCTION TEXT:	STATE	STATE REPRESENTATIVE
To vote you must darken the oval completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.	GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE Pair) <input type="radio"/> Michael Scott / Dwight Schutte Official Manager/Assistant to the Regional Manager	DISTRICT 83 (Vote for ONE) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Adam Sandler YLW
FEDERAL	UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Barbara Stribland (Signed declaration to limit service to no more than 2 terms) RED <input type="radio"/> Martin Sheen WIT <input type="radio"/> Charlie Sheen (Chose not to sign declaration to limit service to 2 terms) PINK <input type="radio"/> Woody Harrison BLU <input type="radio"/> Rosie O'Donnell YLW <input type="radio"/> Tom Cruise LIM <input type="radio"/> Jane Fonda (Two Year Term) ORG <input checked="" type="radio"/> Write-In Brad Pitt	COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT LARGE (Vote for ONE) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Marlon Brando RED COUNTY CLERK (Vote for ONE) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Al Pacino RED COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for ONE) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Lee Marvin YLW COUNTY ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Charles Bronson RED COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Clint Eastwood RED <input checked="" type="radio"/> John Wayne BLU
UNITED STATES CONGRESS DISTRICT 4 (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Camie Underwood WIT <input type="radio"/> Lady Gaga RED <input type="radio"/> Chris Brown YLW <input checked="" type="radio"/> Steven Tyler LIM	SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Harrison Ford RED <input type="radio"/> Gena Davis WIT <input type="radio"/> Melanie Griffith ORG	COUNTY CORNER (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Henry Winkler WIT <input type="radio"/> Michael Keaton YLW
ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Jack Nicholson WIT <input checked="" type="radio"/> Julia Roberts LIM	STATE TREASURER (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Queen Latifah RED <input checked="" type="radio"/> 50Cent WIT	STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 1 (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Robert Redford RED <input checked="" type="radio"/> Robert Duval WIT

Ballot Issues referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot issues initiated by the people are listed numerically. A ballot issue listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the constitution, and a ballot issue listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Statutes. A "yes" vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "no" vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.



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You have completed your online marking. Your download package will begin downloading automatically. Building ballot packages may take several seconds. Once you have downloaded your package please follow the return instructions to return your ballot.

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Did your package download?

Your download package will begin downloading automatically. Building ballot packages may take several seconds. Once you have downloaded your package please follow the return instructions to return your ballot.

If your ballot package does not begin downloading within 5 seconds, [you may click here to start the download.](#)

You may also [go back to the return page](#) to select a different return method.

Questions or Comments?

If you have any questions about this election or the voting process please contact us.

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