

# 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 an absentee 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 Election Authorities, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails.

## **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.

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. Many of these services must have been implemented by the midterm federal elections of November 2010.

## **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 vote by absentee 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)

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.)

**WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.**

Standard Form 76A (Rev. 10-2005)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)				
<b>1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM</b> (Mark only one):				
<input type="checkbox"/> (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT				
<input type="checkbox"/> (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY				
<input type="checkbox"/> (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY				
<b>2. MY INFORMATION (Required)</b>				
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)			SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)	b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)	f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -	g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)	
j. EMAIL ADDRESS				
<b>3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required)</b> (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 -
<b>4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS</b>				
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)			b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)	
_____			_____	
_____			_____	
_____			_____	
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL				
<b>5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE</b> (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):				
<b>6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b> (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)				
<b>7. AFFIRMATION (Required)</b>				
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 signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and				
6. 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: _____ (MMDDYYYY) Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY)				
(Witness/Notary and Address (if required))				

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF FPCA

- A. Check ONE box. U.S. Government employees must check “a”.
- B. Your 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 identifications, the state shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- C. Provide an e-mail address that you can access and/or a phone number at which you can be reached for use in contacting you in a timely manner in the event that there is a question regarding your application.
- D. Provide the complete street address of your Illinois voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. For example: “on Highway\_\_\_\_, 2 miles past Highway \_\_\_\_\_, across the street from the \_\_\_gas station.” This address should be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
- E. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent – usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address should be different from the address you provided in Block 3. Designate how you would like your ballot to be sent to you – e-mail, fax or mail.
- F. If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write “none” in block 5 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.
- G. You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

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.

## MILITARY VOTERS

### Who Can Vote?

#### You Must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old
- Live in the election precinct at least 30 days
- Not be registered to vote anywhere else.

Illinois law allows for military personnel to register to vote and to apply for an absentee ballot at the same time.

### Who is 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 an Absentee Ballot?**

If you meet all the qualifications to vote, registering to vote and requesting an absentee 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, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails).
- To apply for an absentee 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)

### **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.
- If voting absentee, the ballot must be postmarked no later than midnight preceding the opening of the polls, and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election.

## **FAMILIES OF MILITARY VOTERS**

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.

### **How Do I Register to Vote and Request an Absentee Ballot?**

If you meet all the qualifications to vote, registering to vote and requesting an absentee 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, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails)
- You can apply to register to vote and to receive an absentee ballot simultaneously by executing the FPCA or similar application.
- To be eligible to receive an absentee ballot, the local election authority must receive your FPCA or similar application form not later than 10 days before Election Day.

## **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 absentee, the ballot must be postmarked no later than midnight preceding the opening of the polls, and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election.

## **OVERSEAS VOTERS**

### **Who is an overseas voter?**

Overseas voters are grouped into 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 whose intent to return may be ascertained. (10 ILCS 5/20-1)

“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 an Absentee Ballot?**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 an absentee ballot containing the Federal offices only. The application must be received not less than 10 days before a Federal Election.

## **General Information**

### **Casting Your Vote**

In order to be counted, the voted ballot must be postmarked no later than midnight preceding the opening of the polls, and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election.

Local election authorities are required to send ballots 45 days prior to any election.

If ballots are not available 45 days prior to the election, local election authorities must mail to the voter a Special Write-In Absentee Voter's 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. Illinois also provides a grace-period registration for all qualified persons. Such period lasts till the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the election. 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  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217/277-2150  
[countyclerk@co.adams.il.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.adams.il.us)

Alexander County Clerk  
2000 Washington Avenue  
Cairo, IL 62914  
618/734-7000  
[acc@lazernetwireless.net](mailto:acc@lazernetwireless.net)

Bond County Clerk  
203 West College  
Greenville, IL 62246  
618/664-0449  
[countyclerk@bondcountyil.com](mailto:countyclerk@bondcountyil.com)

Boone County Clerk  
1212 Logan Avenue  
Suite 103  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
815/544-3103  
[msteurer@boonecountyil.org](mailto:msteurer@boonecountyil.org)

Brown County Clerk  
200 Court Street, Room 4  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217/773-3421  
[jlham1009@hotmail.com](mailto:jlham1009@hotmail.com)

Bureau County Clerk  
700 South Main Street  
Princeton, IL 61356  
815/875-2014  
[bureaucckami@yahoo.com](mailto:bureaucckami@yahoo.com)

Calhoun County Clerk  
102 County Road  
Hardin, IL 62047  
618/576-2351  
[calhouncoclk@frontiernet.net](mailto:calhouncoclk@frontiernet.net)

Carroll County Clerk  
301 North Main  
Box 152  
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053  
815/244-0221  
[bw.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:bw.clerk@hotmail.com)

Cass County Clerk  
100 E. Springfield St.  
Virginia, IL 62691  
217/452-7217  
[casselection@casscomm.com](mailto:casselection@casscomm.com)

Champaign County Clerk  
1776 East Washington  
Urbana, IL 61802  
217/384-3724  
[mail@champaigncountyclerk.com](mailto:mail@champaigncountyclerk.com)

Christian County Clerk  
101 South Main  
Taylorville, IL 62568  
217/824-4969  
[ccclerk@ctitech.com](mailto:ccclerk@ctitech.com)

Clark County Clerk  
501 Archer Ave.  
Marshall, IL 62441  
217/826-8311  
[clerk@clarkcountyil.org](mailto:clerk@clarkcountyil.org)

Clay County Clerk  
111 Chestnut  
Louisville, IL 62858  
618/665-3626  
[claycoclk@wabash.net](mailto:claycoclk@wabash.net)

Clinton County Clerk  
850 Fairfax Rm.230  
Carlyle, IL 62231  
618/594-2464  
[ccclerk@clintonco.illinois.gov](mailto:ccclerk@clintonco.illinois.gov)

Coles County Clerk  
651 Jackson Avenue, Room 122  
Charleston, IL 61920  
217/348-0501  
[countyclerk@co.coles.il.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.coles.il.us)

Cook County Clerk  
69 West Washington, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312/603-0996  
[d.orr@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:d.orr@cookcountyil.gov)

Crawford County Clerk  
100 Douglas St.  
Robinson, IL 62454  
618/546-1212  
[plycan@crawfordcountycentral.com](mailto:plycan@crawfordcountycentral.com)

Cumberland County Clerk  
140 Courthouse Square  
Toledo, IL 62468  
217/849-2631  
[clerk-recorder@cumberlandco.org](mailto:clerk-recorder@cumberlandco.org)

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

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

Douglas County Clerk  
401 South Center  
Tuscola, IL 61953  
217/253-2411  
[clerk@douglascountyil.com](mailto:clerk@douglascountyil.com)

Edgar County Clerk  
115 West Court Street, Room "J"  
Paris, IL 61944  
217/466-7433  
[agriffin@edgarcounty-il.gov](mailto:agriffin@edgarcounty-il.gov)

Edwards County Clerk  
50 East Main Street  
Albion, IL 62806  
618/445-2115  
[edcc@fairfieldwireless.net](mailto:edcc@fairfieldwireless.net)

Effingham County Clerk  
101 North 4<sup>th</sup>,  
Effingham, IL 62401  
217/342-6535  
[countyclerk@co.effingham.il.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.effingham.il.us)

Fayette County Clerk  
221 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vandalia, IL 62471  
618/283-5000  
[fayettcountyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:fayettcountyclerk@gmail.com)

Ford County Clerk  
200 West State Street, Room 101  
Paxton, IL 60957  
217/379-9400  
[clerk@fordcountycourthouse.com](mailto:clerk@fordcountycourthouse.com)

Franklin County Clerk  
Public Square,  
202 W. Main  
Benton, IL 62812  
618/438-3221  
[dobill@franklincountyil.org](mailto:dobill@franklincountyil.org)

Fulton County Clerk  
100 North Main  
Lewistown, IL 61542  
309/547-3041  
[jnelson@fultonco.org](mailto:jnelson@fultonco.org)

Gallatin County Clerk  
484 N. Lincoln  
Shawneetown, IL 62984  
618/269-3025  
[gallatinco@frontier.com](mailto:gallatinco@frontier.com)

Greene County Clerk  
519 North Main  
Carrollton, IL 62016  
217/942-5443  
[grctyck@hotmail.com](mailto:grctyck@hotmail.com)

Grundy County Clerk  
111 East Washington Street  
Morris, IL 60450-06  
815/941-3222  
[lphillips@grundyco.org](mailto:lphillips@grundyco.org)

Hamilton County Clerk  
100 South Jackson Street  
McLeansboro, IL 62859  
618/643-2721  
[coclerk@hamiltonco.us](mailto:coclerk@hamiltonco.us)

Hancock County Clerk  
500 Main  
Carthage, IL 62321  
217/357-3911  
[handcockcovoters@hotmail.com](mailto:handcockcovoters@hotmail.com)

Hardin County Clerk  
Main & Market Street  
Elizabethtown, IL 62931  
618/287-2251  
[hcdenton@shawneelink.net](mailto:hcdenton@shawneelink.net)

Henderson County Clerk  
307 Warren  
Oquawka, IL 61469  
309/867-2911  
[coclerk@mchsi.com](mailto:coclerk@mchsi.com)

Henry County Clerk  
307 West Center Street  
Cambridge, IL 61238  
309/937-3481  
[blink@henrycty.com](mailto:blink@henrycty.com)

Iroquois County Clerk  
1001 E. Grant St.  
Watseka, IL 60970  
815/432-6960  
[iroquoiscountyclerk@co.iroquois.il.us](mailto:iroquoiscountyclerk@co.iroquois.il.us)

Jackson County Clerk  
1001 Walnut Street  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
618/687-7360  
[jackson.county@live.com](mailto:jackson.county@live.com)

Jasper County Clerk  
204 West Washington, Suite 2  
Newton, IL 62448  
618/783-3124  
[lindadg@psbnewton.com](mailto:lindadg@psbnewton.com)

Jefferson County Clerk  
100 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 105  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864  
618/244-8020  
[jeffcoclerk@jeffil.us](mailto:jeffcoclerk@jeffil.us)

Jersey County Clerk  
200 North LaFayette  
Jerseyville, IL 62052  
618/498-5571  
[countyclerk@jerseycounty-il.us](mailto:countyclerk@jerseycounty-il.us)

JoDaviess County Clerk  
330 North Bench St.  
Galena, IL 61036  
815/777-0161  
[jdimke@jodaviess.org](mailto:jdimke@jodaviess.org)

Johnson County Clerk  
117 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Vienna, IL 62995  
618/658-3611  
[macabud@hotmail.com](mailto:macabud@hotmail.com)

Kane County Clerk  
719 South Batavia Ave.  
Geneva, IL 60134  
630/232-5990  
[elections@co.kane.il.us](mailto:elections@co.kane.il.us)

Kankakee County Clerk  
189 East Court Street  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
815/937-2990  
[countyclerk@k3county.net](mailto:countyclerk@k3county.net)

Kendall County Clerk  
111 West Fox Street  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
630/553-4104  
[dgillette@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:dgillette@co.kendall.il.us)

Knox County Clerk  
200 South Cherry Street  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
309/345-3815  
[serickson@knoxclerk.org](mailto:serickson@knoxclerk.org)

Lake County Clerk  
18 North County Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Rm.101  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847/377-2400  
[countyclerk@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:countyclerk@lakecountyil.gov)

LaSalle County Clerk  
707 East Etna Road  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
815/434-8202  
[countyclerk@lasallemounty.org](mailto:countyclerk@lasallemounty.org)

Lawrence County Clerk  
1100 State Street  
Lawrenceville, IL 62439  
618/943-2346  
[lawcoclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:lawcoclerk@hotmail.com)

Lee County Clerk  
112 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Dixon, IL 61021  
815/288-3309  
[cmymers@countyoflee.org](mailto:cmymers@countyoflee.org)

Livingston County Clerk  
112 West Madison Street  
Pontiac, IL 61764  
815/844-2006  
[coclerk@maxwire.net](mailto:coclerk@maxwire.net)

Logan County Clerk  
601 Broadway Lincoln, IL 62656  
217/732-4148  
[dbeekman@co.logan.il.us](mailto:dbeekman@co.logan.il.us)

Macon County Clerk  
141 South Main Street  
Room 104  
Decatur, IL 62523  
217/424-1305  
[sbean@co.macon.il.us](mailto:sbean@co.macon.il.us)

Macoupin County Clerk  
201 East Main  
Carlinville, IL 62626  
217/854-3214  
[pete.duncan@macoupincounty.il.gov](mailto:pete.duncan@macoupincounty.il.gov)

Madison County Clerk  
157 North Main Street, Suite 109  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
618/692-6290  
[mavonnida@co.madison.il.gov](mailto:mavonnida@co.madison.il.gov)

Marion County Clerk  
100 East Main Street  
Salem, IL 62881  
618/548-3400  
[imarioncountyclerk@ussonet.net](mailto:imarioncountyclerk@ussonet.net)

Marshall County Clerk  
122 North Prairie,  
Lacon, IL 61540  
309/246-6325  
[aplatt@marshallcountyillinois.com](mailto:aplatt@marshallcountyillinois.com)

Mason County Clerk  
100 North Broadway  
Havana, IL 62644  
309/543-6661  
[cclerk@grics.net](mailto:cclerk@grics.net)

Massac County Clerk  
1 Superman Square  
Metropolis, IL 62960  
618/524-5213  
[massaaccountyclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:massaaccountyclerk@hotmail.com)

McDonough County Clerk  
1 Courthouse Square  
Macomb, IL 61455  
309/833-2474  
[gdejaynes@mcdonoughcountyclerk.org](mailto:gdejaynes@mcdonoughcountyclerk.org)

McHenry County Clerk  
2200 North Seminary Avenue  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
815/334-4242  
[kcschult@co.mchenry.il.us](mailto:kcschult@co.mchenry.il.us)

McLean County Clerk  
115 East Washington, Room 102  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
309/888-5190  
[kathy.michael@mcleancountyil.gov](mailto:kathy.michael@mcleancountyil.gov)

Menard County Clerk  
102 South 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
217/632-3201  
[qtresler@co.menard.il.us](mailto:qtresler@co.menard.il.us)

Mercer County Clerk  
100 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Aledo, IL 61231  
309/582-7021  
[pbewley@mercercountycourthouse.com](mailto:pbewley@mercercountycourthouse.com)

Monroe County Clerk  
100 South Main Street  
Waterloo, IL 62298  
618/939-8681 ext 302  
[moclerk@htc.net](mailto:moclerk@htc.net)

Montgomery County Clerk  
1 Courthouse Square  
Hillsboro, IL 62049  
217/532-9530  
[sandyleitheiser@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyleitheiser@hotmail.com)

Morgan County Clerk  
300 West State Street  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can I register to vote and request an absentee ballot at the same time?**

Yes, for military and overseas voters, Illinois law allows for you to register to vote and request an absentee ballot at the same time.

### **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 an absentee ballot. The Card 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 absentee ballot 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 absentee ballot 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.

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

No. In order for the ballot to be counted, a hard copy with an original signature must also be mailed.

### **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 an absentee 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 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.

**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 absentee voting 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.

**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.

**Where would I obtain information on issues and positions taken by candidates?**

In addition to reading U.S. news magazines and newspapers, both the Democrats Abroad and Republicans Abroad organizations maintain overseas offices and have information about the candidates and issues. U.S. embassies and consulates can provide local addresses or phone numbers for these organizations. Alternatively, the party organizations can be contacted by writing:

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## TEN THINGS TO HELP ENSURE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT IS COUNTED

1. Start by contacting your Unit/Embassy/Organization Voting Assistance Officer for help in the absentee registration and voting process. In Illinois, military personnel are able to register to vote and apply for an absentee 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 the absentee registration and voting process.
3. Ensure that you have applied for your absentee ballot using the hard copy or on-line versions of FPCA.
4. Make sure your local election official has your current mailing address.
5. Sign and date all election materials.
6. Fulfill your state's witness/notary requirements. (Illinois does not have such a requirement)
7. Ensure that your ballot is timely mailed.
8. Register to vote and request your ballot in a timely manner.
9. Use the Federal Write In Absentee Ballot if you are overseas and your State absentee ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the state's deadline.
10. VOTE!

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