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Subject: suggestions on various rules for UOCAVA voters
Attachments: proposal for rules on UOCAVA ballot return avoiding Internet voting.doc; FVAP_Colorado_annotated and shortened.pdf

Dear Secretary of State Williams,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and make further suggestions on Rules. Please see two attachments.

Please post our input on the official website as "Proposal for rules on UOCAVA ballot return avoiding Internet voting."

The .pdf attachment shows some problems with the Colorado page on the FVAP.gov website.

Sincerely,

Harvie Branscomb
Mary Eberle
Al Kolwicz
Margit Johansson

July 31, 2015

Dear Secretary of State Williams,

Below are suggestions on various rules that bear on return of voted ballots by UOCAVA voters. We hope you find these suggestions useful. If it is not obvious why we have made a specific suggestion, we would value your inquiry so that we can explain why we made it. Here is the key to our input:

Black shows the SOS Rule's wording; stricken-through black indicates the SOS's rule-making deletions.

Red shows our deletions of the SOS Rules wording.

Our suggested inserted wordings are in BLUE CAPITALS.

Notes to you are in turquoise.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these suggestions.

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1.1.23 "Electronic Transmission" ~~means:~~ MEANS A METHOD FOR DELIVERY OF THE BALLOT TO THE VOTER OR RECEIPT OF THE BALLOT FROM THE VOTER

- (a) For the purpose of sending an unvoted ballot by fax, email, or online delivery ~~to:~~ TO
- (1) A military (UNIFORMED-SERVICE) or overseas elector under Article 8.3 of Title 1, C.R.S.
 - (2) An elector requesting a replacement for an emergency under section 1-7.5-115, C.R.S.
 - (3) An affected elector requesting a ballot because of a disaster emergency.
- (b) For the purpose of returning a voted ballot to the county clerk BY A MORE SECURE MEANS OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION INVOLVING A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE.
- (c) For the purpose of returning a voted ballot to the county clerk BY A LESS SECURE MEANS OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION INVOLVING A COMPUTER-BASED FAX APPLICATION OR AN ATTACHMENT OF A SCANNED PAPER BALLOT TO EMAIL.

Rule 16.2. Electronic transmission

16.2.1 In accordance with sections 1-8.3-110 and 1-8.3-113, C.R.S., an elector may request to receive and return ~~his or her~~ A ballot by electronic transmission. **FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RULE, "RETURN" OF VOTED BALLOTS MEANS THAT "THE VOTER CASTS THE VOTED BALLOT."**

[Note to Secretary of State: Here is the definition of "cast ballot" currently used by NIST (<http://www.nist.gov/itl/vote/vvsg0807-appendixa.cfm>):

cast ballot: "Ballot in which the voter has taken final action in the selection of contest choices and irrevocably confirmed his or her intent to vote as selected.

It will be helpful to canvass boards if we start using "cast" to indicate the point at which the voter releases the ballot from his or her custody.]

- (a) An elector who requests fax transmission must provide a fax number, including the international country code and local area, province, or city code, if applicable, where the ballot is to be faxed.
- (b) An elector who requests email transmission must provide a complete email address where the ballot is to be transmitted. In accordance with section 1-8.3-115, C.R.S., no election official may disclose the email address to the public.
- (c) In accordance with section 1-8.3-113(1), C.R.S., an elector **WHO IS A COVERED VOTER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-8.3-102(2) C.R.S. AND**
 - (I) who chooses to receive **AN** unvoted ballot by ~~online ballot delivery~~ **ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION** may return **THE MARKED** ballot **PREFERABLY BY REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE.**
 - (II) **A LESS SECURE METHOD INVOLVING EITHER ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION BY A COMPUTER-BASED FAX APPLICATION OR AN ATTACHMENT OF THE SCANNED PAPER BALLOT TO EMAIL IS ALLOWED A COVERED VOTER BY LAW (SECTION 1-8.3-113(a), C.R.S) ONLY IF ~~THE ELECTOR DETERMINES THAT~~ A MORE SECURE METHOD, SUCH AS RETURNING THE BALLOT BY **REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE**, IS NOT AVAILABLE OR **NOT** FEASIBLE.**
 - (III) **"NOT AVAILABLE OR NOT FEASIBLE" REFERS TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH VOTING IN PERSON OR BY REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE, DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD FROM FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY UNTIL ELECTION DAY,**
 - (A) **THE ELECTOR IS EITHER**
 - (i) **A COVERED MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND WHO IS ABSENT FROM COLORADO AT THE TIME OF VOTING**

OR

- (II) A COVERED UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO AT THE TIME OF VOTING IS RESIDING AND IS ACTUALLY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND WHO, EXCEPT FOR A STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT, OTHERWISE SATISFIES COLORADO'S VOTER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN SECTION 1-8.3-102(2)(B), (C), OR (D), C.R.S.

AND

- (B) REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL IS UNAVAILABLE TO THE COVERED VOTER FOR PAPER BALLOT RETURN IN TIME FOR THE BALLOT TO REACH THE CLERK BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE EIGHTH DAY AFTER ELECTION DAY AND A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE IS UNAVAILABLE TO THE COVERED VOTER FOR BALLOT RETURN BEFORE 7:00 P.M. MOUNTAIN TIME ON ELECTION DAY.

(d) To return a voted ballot and self-affirmation by email, the elector must scan and return the documents as an email attachment.

(e) CLERKS SHALL PROVIDE UOCAVA VOTERS WITH AN INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET WITH THE FOLLOWING:

(I) A NOTICE THAT section 1-8.3-113(1), C.R.S., indicates that an elector WHO IS A COVERED VOTER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-8.3-102(2) C.R.S. AND who chooses to receive AN unvoted ballot by ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION is required to use the most secure method available and feasible for return of THE MARKED ballot, PREFERABLY BY REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE.

(II) AN INSTRUCTION FOR THE ELECTOR TO IMMEDIATELY READ THE CONTENT OF THE UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET THAT THE ELECTOR WILL NEED TO SIGN IF HE OR SHE PLANS TO ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT THE VOTED BALLOT.

(III) THE UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET.

(IV) THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL BALLOTS TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE ELECTOR MUST BE PRINTED OUT, MARKED, AND RETURNED AS PAPER BALLOTS OR THE ELECTOR MUST PRINT OUT, SCAN, AND RETURN THE SCANNED VOTED BALLOT WITH THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE "UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET" AS EMAIL ATTACHMENTS.

(A) FOR PAPER BALLOT RETURN OF A BALLOT TRANSMITTED TO THE VOTER ELECTRONICALLY, THE VOTER SHOULD SEAL THE PAPER BALLOT IN A SEPARATE SECRECY ENVELOPE TO ALLOW SECRECY IN VOTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE VOTER SHOULD NOT SIGN OR MARK THE BALLOT OR THE SECRECY ENVELOPE IN ANY WAY THAT WOULD INDICATE THE IDENTITY OF THE VOTER. THE VOTER SHOULD NOT SIGN OR INCLUDE THE "UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET." THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT'S (FVAP.GOV) TEMPLATE FOR MAKING A SECRECY ENVELOPE SHOULD BE GIVEN OR PROVIDED AS A LINK TO BE USED BY THOSE VOTERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A SEPARATE SECRECY ENVELOPE AVAILABLE. THE SECRECY ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE VOTED BALLOT SHOULD BE PLACED IN ANOTHER ENVELOPE THAT THE VOTER WILL SIGN. THAT ENVELOPE SHOULD THEN BE PLACED IN THE MAILING ENVELOPE THAT SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED "CONTAINS A BALLOT. PLEASE EXPEDITE." MILITARY (UNIFORMED-SERVICE) VOTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK HELP FROM THEIR UNIT'S MILITARY VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICER TO RETURN THE BALLOT PRIVATELY AND QUICKLY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS FOR EXPEDITED MAIL RETURN OF VOTED BALLOTS FOR MILITARY VOTERS.

(B) FOR ELECTRONIC BALLOT RETURN VIA FAX WHETHER USING TELEPHONE OR COMPUTER FOR TRANSMISSION, THE VOTER SHOULD SELF-IDENTIFY ON THE COVER PAGE OF THE FAX (WHICH MAY BE THE "UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET"). THE VOTER SHOULD INSERT A BLANK PAGE BEFORE THE BALLOT CONTENT PAGE(S) TO ALLOW SECRECY IN VOTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

(C) FOR ELECTRONIC BALLOT RETURN VIA EMAIL, TWO FILES SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO A SINGLE EMAIL FROM THE VOTER. THE VOTER SHOULD EMPLOY FILE NAMES SUCH AS "UOCAVA_AFFIDAVIT.PDF" AND "GENERAL_ELECTION_VOTED_BALLOT.PDF" OR OTHER CLEAR FILE NAMES THAT DO NOT EXPOSE VOTER IDENTITY.

(V) INFORMATION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNING TIME FRAMES FOR MAIL BALLOT DELIVERY FOR BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN MAIL SERVICES AND FOR BOTH EXPEDITED AND REGULAR POSTAL MAIL. THE TIME NEEDED FOR NONEXPEDITED MILITARY MAIL IS GIVEN AT http://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/2014_mailing_dates.pdf. [← THIS URL WILL NEED TO BE UPDATED. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE COULD FIND SIMILAR DATA SETS PRODUCED BY THE U.S. POST OFFICE OR THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCE.]

(VI) DEADLINES AND OTHER INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS AS PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR TYPICALLY INCLUDED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO THE ELECTOR.

(f) If an elector requests to receive ~~his or her~~ A ballot by electronic transmission, the county clerk must transmit the elector's ballot electronically for all covered elections **ONLY IF THE ELECTOR AFFIRMS HE OR SHE IS STILL UOCAVA ELIGIBLE AND/OR** until the elector requests otherwise or the elector's electronic transmission method becomes undeliverable.

[For the Secretary of State: If the procedures to allow better secrecy for UOCAVA voters are adopted, please promulgate companion rules for the clerks and election judges who will open the UOCAVA mail envelopes and faxes and emails so that the ballot anonymity is preserved.]

Rule 16.2.3

The self-affirmation (TITLED THE "UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET"), TO BE USED ONLY BY VOTERS RETURNING THE BALLOT BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION, must include the standard oath required by the Uniformed and Overseas CITIZENS ABSENTEE Voting Act (UOCAVA) (42 U.S.C. sec. 1973ff(b)(7) and 1(a)(5)), the elector's name, date of birth, AND HAND-WRITTEN signature IN AFFIRMATION OF the following STATEMENTS:

FOR ALL UOCAVA VOTERS: I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COLORADO LAW REQUIRES THAT I RETURN THIS BALLOT BY A MORE SECURE METHOD, SUCH AS MAIL, IF AVAILABLE AND FEASIBLE. (~~Section~~ SECTIONS 1-8.3-113 AND 1-8.3-114, C.R.S.)

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO IMMEDIATELY PRINT OUT, MARK IF APPROPRIATE, SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT, AND RETURN THE PAPER BALLOT AND AFFIDAVIT VIA REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE IF EITHER OF THESE METHODS IS AVAILABLE AND FEASIBLE.

I also understand that by returning ~~my~~ A voted ballot by electronic transmission, I UNDERSTAND THAT I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot.

IF I AM RETURNING A BALLOT BY ATTACHMENT TO EMAIL, I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE NOT HAD SUFFICIENTLY EARLY ACCESS TO A BALLOT SO THAT I COULD RETURN IT BY REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL IN TIME TO REASONABLY ANTICIPATE RECEIPT IN THE ELECTION OFFICIAL'S OFFICE WITHIN 8 DAYS AFTER ELECTION DAY, NOR HAVE I HAD ABILITY TO MAKE A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE BEFORE 7 P.M. MOUNTAIN TIME ON ELECTION DAY.

IN ADDITION, FOR A COVERED MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND WHO IS OUTSIDE COLORADO DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD FROM FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY UNTIL ELECTION DAY: I AFFIRM THAT MY MILITARY VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICER HAS DETERMINED THAT A MORE SECURE METHOD, SUCH AS RETURNING THE BALLOT BY REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE, HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO OR FEASIBLE FOR ME.

IN ADDITION, FOR COVERED OVERSEAS VOTERS OTHER THAN MILITARY (UNIFORMED-SERVICE) VOTERS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD FROM FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY UNTIL ELECTION DAY: I AFFIRM THAT A MORE SECURE METHOD, SUCH AS RETURNING THE BALLOT BY REGULAR OR EXPEDITED NONELECTRONIC MAIL OR THROUGH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRANSMISSION USING A FAX MACHINE, HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO OR FEASIBLE FOR ME. I AM VOTING FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

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[For the Secretary of State: Other suggested improvements for the "UOCAVA AFFIDAVIT & COVER SHEET:

Don't use "online." Use "fax or email" for better clarity.

First bullet: Print the ballot provided by electronic transmission, mark the votes on the paper print out to preserve secrecy in voting, and review your ballot following all voting instructions.

Delete bullet no. 3

Put the transmission information in the order of preference (i.e., MAIL first, then FAX, then email), and state that this order is the order of preference under statute.

Add that fax or email should be used “unless no other more secure method, such as mail, is available to or feasible for the voter to return the voted ballot.”

In affirmation 1 of the “self-affirmation” at the bottom, how did Merchant Marine become added? That category is not in 1-8.3-102(9)(a), C.R.S. Please investigate and correct as necessary. Perhaps this is a place where federal law supersedes Colorado law.

In affirmation 1, define that the military voter must be on active duty and not in Colorado.

In affirmation 1, define that the nonmilitary voter must be out of the United States. (“Overseas” is misleading because it would include Hawaii or Catalina Island. It would not include Canada.)

In affirmation 1, change the wording to better match statute, which does not mention dependents or spouses in the definition of “covered voter.”]

New rule, to be inserted at the appropriate place and rules renumbered as necessary, to help more UOCAVA voters get their ballots early enough to return by mail:

IF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL DOES NOT HAVE

- (a) THE COVERED UOCAVA ELECTOR’S FAX TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS

AND

- (b) THE COVERED UOCAVA ELECTOR’S ASSERTION THAT FAX, EMAIL, OR ONLINE DELIVERY IS HIS OR HER PREFERRED MEANS OF RECEIVING THE UNVOTED BALLOT,

THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL MAKE AT LEAST TWO ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE ELECTOR AT NINETY (90) DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND SEVENTY (70) DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO REQUEST THAT THE ELECTOR AGREE TO ELECTRONIC BALLOT DELIVERY AND PROVIDE A FAX TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS AT WHICH HE OR SHE CAN RECEIVE THE BALLOT BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL ALSO OFFER THE COVERED VOTER A PAPER BALLOT DELIVERED BY MAIL IF THE VOTER SO DESIRES.

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Colorado

www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/UOCAVA.html

7/31/2015

Please see annotations.

Pages 5-9 that list other county clerks' contact information have been deleted.

Harvie Branscomb
Mary C. Eberle
Al Kolwicz

Federal Election Deadlines

| | General Election November 8, 2016 |
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| Registration | TBD |
| Ballot Request | TBD |
| Ballot Return | TBD |

Please mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the recommended mailing dates section in Chapter 1 for details.

Important information

How can I register to vote as a military or overseas voter? Fill out and return the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to your local election office. This form allows you to register to vote and identifies you as a voter covered by UOCAVA (Federal law providing special protections). You may also register to vote online at www.GoVoteColorado.com using your State Driver's License or ID card number.

What is my voting residence? The place you consider your true, fixed and permanent home.

Do I need to claim a political party to vote in primary elections? Yes.

How can I submit my FPCA? By mail, email, fax or online at www.GoVoteColorado.com.

How often must I submit my FPCA? In Colorado, the FPCA is good for one regularly scheduled general election. You should submit a new FPCA every year and every time your address changes.

If I am currently registered to vote, how may I request an absentee ballot? Under Colorado law, all active voters will be mailed a ballot for every State and Federal election. You should update your information with your local election office every time your address changes to ensure you will receive a ballot for every election in which you are eligible to vote.

How can I return my voted ballot or Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB)? By mail, email or fax. ← Note that this description is not consistent with statute or the proposed rule.

What must I do to use the FWAB and can I use the FWAB to vote in State and local elections? Colorado allows you to use the FWAB for registration and voting in Federal, State and local general, special or primary elections, or any other election coordinated by the County Clerk and Recorder. If you are registered and have requested your absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote any time before an election. If you have not registered to vote, please carefully review the section "How and where to submit my FWAB" for complete instructions.

I am an American citizen, but I have never lived in the U.S., can I register to vote in this State? A U.S. citizen who was born abroad, is eligible to vote and has never lived in the U.S. may register and vote in the Colorado county where a parent would be eligible to register and vote.

Will I need a notary or witness for my FPCA or FWAB?

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Where can I find information about the candidates and/or other items that will be on my ballot?

To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.GoVoteColorado.com.

Registering and requesting your absentee ballot

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all Federal elections held through the next general election, unless you request otherwise.

Complete the following blocks of the FPCA

Block 1 Select the category that describes you.

Block 2 To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are an unaffiliated voter and want to participate in a party primary, you must indicate which party ballot you want to receive. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official no later than 29 days prior to the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

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

Block 4 Date of Birth.

Enter your valid Colorado Driver's License number OR Department of Revenue ID number. If you do not have either of these numbers, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess any of these identification numbers, write "none" and the State will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Block 5 Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 6 Colorado allows you to receive your ballot by mail, fax, email, or

electronically via download from a secure website. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number or email address 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 Colorado 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 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

Colorado 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 must send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at www.GoVoteColorado.com/mil. Select "Contact your County Clerk and Recorder".

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.GoVoteColorado.com/mil. Select "Contact your County Clerk and Recorder."

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 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 FVAP.gov.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to Colorado's voter registration verification website at www.GoVoteColorado.com.

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

Late registration

Colorado law provides for same day registration.

Voting by citizens who have never lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad, is eligible to vote and has never lived in the U.S. may register and vote in the Colorado county where a parent would be eligible to register and vote.

Voting your ballot

Voted ballots must be sent by 7 pm MT on Election Day and received by the local election official no later than 8 days after the election.

Again this describes unlimited use of fax or email to return a voted ballot in addition to mail.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return your voted ballot by mail, email or fax. Use the FPCA mail, email and fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

Overseas Uniformed Service members should request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DOD applied to their ballot materials at Military Postal Office locations (APO/FPO). This label provides free express mail service to your local election official for voted ballots mailed on or before the general election date. You retain a portion of the label for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

Tracking your ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at www.GoVoteColorado.com/mil. Select "View my: Mail-in ballot status."

Haven't received your ballot? Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

Colorado allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in

general, special or primary elections, or any other election coordinated by the County Clerk and Recorder. If you are registered and have requested your absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote any time before an election.

Complete the following blocks of the FWAB's voter declaration/affirmation

Block 1 Colorado allows you to use this form for registration. It must be sent by 7 pm on Election Day and received by the local election official no later than 8 days after the election.

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Block 2 Select the category that describes you.

Block 3 Name (Last, First, Middle).

Block 4 Date of birth.

Enter your valid Colorado Driver's License number OR Department of Revenue ID number. If you do not have either of these numbers, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess any of these identification numbers, write "none" and the State will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Block 5 Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 6 To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are an unaffiliated voter and want to participate in a Party Primary, you must indicate which party ballot you want to receive. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) indicating your new party preference to the local election official no later than 29 days prior to the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 7 Complete street address of your Colorado 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.

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| 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 Federal, State or local office in a general, special or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.GoVoteColorado.com/mil. 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

This must specify 7PM MT on election day to be accurate.

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form, ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be sent by 7 pm on Election Day and received by the local election official no later than 8 days after the election.

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.

Colorado 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 must send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at www.GoVoteColorado.com/mil. Select "Contact your County Clerk and Recorder".

If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax the FWAB directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.GoVoteColorado.com/mil. Select "Contact your County Clerk and Recorder". 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 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 FVAP.gov.

Local election offices for county

If you cannot find information for your jurisdiction, please click on the [LEO Search](#) to find contact information.

| County | Mailing Address |
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| Adams | Adams County Clerk and Recorder P.O. Box 5027 Brighton, CO 80601-8207 Phone: 720-523-6500 Fax: 720-523-6266 Email: adams.uocava@adcogov.org |
| Alamosa | Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder PO Box 630 Alamosa, CO 81101-0630 Phone: 719-589-6681 Fax: 719-589-6118 Email: tcarver@alamosacounty.org |
| Arapahoe | Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder 5334 S. Prince Littleton, CO 80120 Phone: 303-795-4511 Fax: 303-795-4712 |
| Archuleta | Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder P.O. Box 2589 Silver Lake, CO 81147-2589 Phone: 970-264-8331 Fax: 970-264-8562 Email: dabeyta@archuletacounty.org |
| Baca | Baca County Clerk and Recorder 741 Main, Ste 3 Springfield, CO 81073-1548 Phone: 719-523-4372 Fax: 719-523-4881 Email: bacaclerk@bacacountyco.gov |
| Bent | Bent County Clerk and Recorder P.O. Box 350 Las Animas, CO 81054-0350 Phone: 719-456-2009 Fax: 719-456-0375 Email: Patti.Nickell@bentcounty.net |

This appears to imply that the voted ballot could be marked and returned after 7PM MT on election day.

Again this describes unlimited use of fax or email to return a voted ballot in addition to mail.

Pages 5-9 that list other county clerks' contact information have been deleted.