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Illinois Military and Overseas Voters - Get Your Ballot Online Today

Postmark date and return deadline extended for certain counties

Illinois military and overseas voters, who have not received their requested absentee ballot from the State, can access and download their ballot online through the Illinois website (<https://move.elections.il.gov>) or through the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website (www.FVAP.gov).

In addition, military and overseas voters from **Boone, Hancock, Jersey, Massac, Schuyler and St. Clair Counties** have more time to return their ballots. The deadline extension for ballot delivery is the result of actions taken by the Department of Justice and an agreement reached with the State of Illinois for the upcoming November 2 general election. The agreement extends the date by which ballots from these six counties must be postmarked from November 1 to November 2, 2010. The agreement also extends the deadline for the return of voted ballots for military and overseas voters in these six Illinois counties:

- Boone, Jersey, & St. Clair Counties: Ballots will be counted if received by November 18.
- Hancock, Massac, & Schuyler Counties: Ballots will be counted if received by November 19.

Voted ballots from all other Illinois counties must be received by the local election office by November 16 and be postmarked by November 1, 2010.

Download Your Ballot

The ballot request deadline for the November 2 General Election was October 25, 2010. If you have requested your ballot, you can access it online. Automated ballot download is available both at the Illinois State Board of Elections website (<https://move.elections.il.gov/>) and *via* the Federal Voting Assistance Program website (<http://www.fvap.gov/ballot/ballot-il.html>), where complete return instructions and all contact information are provided.

Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

If you are unable to access your requested State ballot electronically use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to vote for federal, state and local offices. You can access the FWAB online at www.FVAP.gov. Our automated assistant makes it easy to complete the form and will provide the federal candidates along with instructions on returning it to your local election office. FWABs are also available from your unit or installation voting assistance officer and at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide.

Voting Your Ballot

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot and signed affidavit by mail, email, fax, or the Illinois' secure ballot upload system. However, you must return the hard copy ballot, along with your original signature, in

order for the ballot to be counted and it must be received by November 16 in most of the State, November 18 in Boone, Jersey, and St. Clair Counties and November 19 in Hancock, Massac, and Schuyler Counties. To use the secure ballot upload system, you must have received a user ID and password from your local election official.

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the “Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD”. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate and then track your ballot to the local election office online at www.usps.com.

Tracking Your Ballot

Once received at the local election office, you may also track the status of your voted ballot at: <https://move.elections.il.gov/>

We Want Your Feedback! If this document was helpful to you or if you ran into problems or have questions, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

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