

Election Day is fast approaching. By now, you should have requested and hopefully received your absentee ballot. So that your ballot arrives in time to be counted, please mail it right away or bring it to the American Citizen Services (ACS) Branch at the Embassy and we will mail it for you.

Get the Latest Updates

Within the past few days, several states have released updated information regarding absentee voting, including Arkansas, California, and Colorado. For the most up-to-date voting information, please see <http://www.fvap.gov/> or our website, www.asktheconsul.gov

Too Late to Request an Absentee Ballot?

Each state sets its own rules regarding the election calendar. For most states, the deadline has already passed to request an absentee ballot. However, some states will still allow you to request an absentee ballot. To check your individual state's deadline, please go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Main Page <http://www.fvap.gov/> .

Ballot Hasn't Arrived? Use the Write-In Ballot (FWAB)

If you requested an absentee ballot, but have not received one, you may vote by using a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB), which is available from the American Citizen Services (ACS) Branch at the Embassy in Seoul. The FWAB is only valid when a regular ballot from the state or territory has already been requested, in a timely manner, and has not been received. For more information, see <http://www.fvap.gov/services/fwab.html>

You Mailed the Write-in then Received the Actual Ballot?

If you send in an FWAB and then receive your actual absentee ballot, you should vote using the absentee ballot and return it to meet your state's ballot receipt deadline. The election official will match up the two forms and discard the FWAB.

Deadline to Mail Absentee Ballot

Most states will accept your absentee ballot right up to, or even after, the election on November 2. To see your state's calendar for accepting absentee ballots, please go to <http://www.fvap.gov/> . Several states have recently extended their deadlines. For instance,

* Colorado Extends Deadline for Receipt of Absentee Ballots from UOCAVA Voters

* California To Allow Its Citizens Overseas to Return Absentee Ballots by Fax

Need a Notary? ACS Officers Will Notarize your Ballot for Free:

Some ballots require notary or witness requirements. Consular Officers in ACS will notarize your ballot for free. For a list of states with notarization or witness requirements, see <http://www.fvap.gov/vao/notaryreqts.html>

FedEx Will Mail your Ballot for Free

To help ensure timely arrival of your absentee ballot, Federal Express has agreed to ship absentee ballots to your local election clerk's office at no cost to you. This service will be available until November 1, 2004. There is no pick-up service. Ballots may be dropped off at any FedEx service center, station, or ship center (for a listing of FedEx offices, please see http://www.fedexapac.com/kr_english/dropoff/). For more details, you may call FedEx Customer Service at toll free 080 023 8000 or 02-333-8000.

Websites for Additional Information

Additional voting information is available at <http://www.fvap.gov/> and <http://usembassy.state.gov/seoul/www3560.html>

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