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RE: Question re: registering to vote a US citizen living overseas

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Dear Ms. Burch:

I'm in receipt of your email with questions regarding an 18 year old U.S. Citizen and her voting rights. Please find below responses:

Is it sufficient to send in a copy of the picture page of her US passport as an email attachment?: A copy of the pertinent page of the applicant's passport that has her passport number, date of birth, etc.

is sufficient.

AK Statutes sec. 15.07.060(f)] If she does not have a SSN or AK State ID number, will she still be able to register to vote? Yes, but we will need her to provide her date of birth. In lieu of a SSN, please ask that she enter the last four of her passport number in the SSN field. This will be important if she decides she would like her ballot delivered via online delivery or to check the status of her ballot via our My Voter Information page as both ask for the last four of her "SSN" and date of birth.

Also, I am attaching the State of Alaska Federal Overseas Absentee Ballot Application and would ask that she complete this form versus the FPCA form. This better addresses the requirements for Alaska specifically.

Lastly, so she is aware, the deadline to register to vote for the primary election was last Sunday, July 22 so she is not eligible to participate in the primary election but she is still eligible to participate in the General Election. The registration deadline for this election is Sunday, October 7 however, we will send ballots to overseas citizens beginning 45 days prior to Election Day on September 22, 2018.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Thompson, Absentee and Petition Manager

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Good Afternoon Carol,

I inquired with Michaela as to how to answer this email, and she referred me to you. I was hoping you could offer me some assistance with the response to this inquiry, as this is not something that I am very versed in.

Thank you very much!

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Hi,

I'm a volunteer with VoteFromAbroad--we help US citizens and military personnel living overseas when they have questions about registering to vote using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

Recently we received a question from a young US citizen registering to vote for the first time. She is 18 years old, currently lives in Germany, intends to remain outside the US indefinitely and has never lived in the US, but her mother

was domiciled in Alaska immediately before leaving the US. Accordingly, she is seeking to register to vote in AK as a federal voter.

1. According to **AK Statutes sec 15.05.011(b)(5)** [<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#15.05.011>], in order to register to vote, she is must provide a copy of her US passport or other identification issued by the US Secy of State. **Is it sufficient to send in a copy of the picture page of her US passport as an email attachment?**

2. According to **AK Statutes sec. 15.07.060(a)(2)** [<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#15.07.060>], she will also need to provide either a SSN or AK State ID number. But the statute further provides that if the applicant doesn't have these documents, "the division shall assign the applicant a unique identifying number"**[AK Statutes sec. 15.07.060(f)] If she does not have a SSN or AK State ID number, will she still be able to register to vote?**

Thank you!

Heidi Burch

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