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À: <u>janet.weiler@bluewin.ch</u>

Objet: Weiler, Janet - RE: Some questions about voting

Good morning,

My apologies for the delayed response but here are the answers to your questions:

- 1. U.S. citizens who reside only temporarily overseas, may participate in state elections as long as they provide proof of Alaska residency.
- 2. U.S. citizens residing abroad who are not certain about returning, will receive a letter from our office obtaining clarification regarding the classification choice they selected.

Alaska Statutes 15.05.020 (4) states "A person does not lose residence if the person leaves home and goes to another country, state, or place in this state for temporary purposes only and with the intent of returning." Therefore, if the voter intends to return to Alaska, in order to complete their registration, they must submit documentation that supports their Alaska residency, such as:

 A copy of their Alaska driver's license or state identification card (showing an Alaska residence address), military leave & earning statement that identifies Alaska as state of legal residence, Alaska student loan papers showing Alaska as their state of residence, proof of employment in the State of Alaska that shows date of employment, Alaska hunting and fishing license (showing an Alaska residence address), or other documentation that supports their claim to Alaska residency.

Their documentation <u>must be in their name</u> and not that of someone else.

However, if they do not intend to return to Alaska, they may register and participate only in federal elections. Alaska law allows for a person who was last domiciled in the state of Alaska prior to leaving the United States, who is a United States citizen, is 18 years of age or older, and who has not established domicile or voted in another state, territory, or possession of the United States to register and participate in federal elections (United States Congress and United States President and Vice President races).

3. U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. cannot participate in state elections, since they would have to provide prove of Alaska residency when registering for the first time.

4. U.S. citizens may participate in federal elections if they or their parent or their legal guardian were last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S. and have not established domicile or voted in another state, territory, or possession of the U.S. since leaving. When originally registering for the first time as a federal voter, they will have to submit a copy of their current passport.

Please let us know if we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Some questions about voting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a volunteer helping US citizens living overseas to vote in US elections. We want to make sure that votefromabroad.org provides accurate and up-to-date voting information. Would you please answer the following questions:

- 1. If a US citizen is residing abroad and they intend to return, are they allowed to vote in state elections?
- 2. If a US citizen is residing abroad and their return is <u>uncertain</u>, are they allowed to vote in <u>state</u> elections?
- 3. If a US citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in state elections?
- 4. If a US citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in federal elections?

Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. We appreciate you helping Americans to execute one of their most important rights!
Take care,
Janet Weiler