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From: **Button, Lewis** <Lewis.Button@ct.gov>

Date: Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 12:56 AM

Subject: FW: information regarding voting from abroad

To: "herro048@umn.edu" <herro048@umn.edu>, "Reeves, Peggy" <Peggy.Reeves@ct.gov>

Dear Ms. Herron;

1. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they intend to return, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

This is a difficult question because the two key elements point in different directions. Generally speaking, we would consider the residence as the place where an individual does intend to return. If a person happens to be abroad, (for example, for work, school, travel, missionary service,) but intends to return to some town in Connecticut once they are through and see themselves as a resident of that town, and thereby are not a resident elsewhere, they could vote in state elections. However, I am cautious about answering in the affirmative without knowing what the person in your hypothetical means when by saying that they are "residing" abroad. In other words, does the individual happen to be staying abroad or have they truly taken up residence?

2. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and their return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

No.

3. If a U.S. citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in state elections?

No.

4. If a US citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in federal elections?

Yes, but only if the last residence of a parent was a town in Connecticut.

Best,

Lew

From: Reeves, Peggy
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Button, Lewis <Lewis.Button@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: information regarding voting from abroad

Lew-

Could you please respond and copy me and Denise?

Thanks.

Peggy Reeves

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From: Merrill, Denise
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Melissa Herron <herro048@umn.edu>
Cc: Reeves, Peggy <Peggy.Reeves@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: information regarding voting from abroad

Dear Ms. Herron: I will forward this to our election division for an accurate response to your questions.

Best regards,

Denise Merrill

From: Melissa Herron [<mailto:herro048@umn.edu>]

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 2:17 AM

To: Merrill, Denise <Denise.Merrill@ct.gov>

Subject: information regarding voting from abroad

Dear Ms. Merrill,

I'm a volunteer helping US citizens, living overseas, 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 U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they intend to return, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

2. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and their return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

3. If a U.S. 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 execute one of their most important rights!

Take Care,

Melissa Herron