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From: **Dyer, Jesse C.** <Jesse.Dyer@dos.myflorida.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 2:47 AM
Subject: RE: information needed regarding voting from abroad
To: "herro048@umn.edu" <herro048@umn.edu>
Cc: "Holland, Gary" <Gary.Holland@dos.myflorida.com>

Ms. Herron,

You can find our Voter Registration and Voting Guide handbook at the following link:
<http://dos.myflorida.com/media/693760/voter-registration-guide.pdf>

This should be helpful to you in answering your questions.

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From: Melissa Herron [<mailto:herro048@umn.edu>]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 4:39 AM
To: Secretary of State <SecretaryofState@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: information needed regarding voting from abroad

Hello,

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

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Several e-mails went back and forth to Florida that were not particularly helpful so I did not include them here. Phone calls to SOS supervisors were equally frustrating. However, my phone call to the General Counsel was extremely helpful. He told me, “you can vote in state elections if your return is uncertain and you cannot vote in state elections if you never resided.” He e-mailed me a particularly helpful document.

E-mail from General Counsel:

See attached guide (2nd page near bottom answers the questions we discussed).

Link to Florida’s Online Voter Registration application: <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/en/Registration/Index>

Link to FPCA (you have to accept privacy act statement, then select State on next screen): <https://www.fvap.gov/fpca-privacy-notice>

Regards,

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