------ Forwarded message ------From: **Arnold, John** <<u>jarnold@nd.gov</u>> Date: Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 9:30 PM Subject: RE: Overseas Voting To: "hventresco@gmail.com" <hventresco@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon, Ms. Ventresco.

The responses to your questions are:

Q1) If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they intend to return, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

A1) If the U.S. citizen, before leaving the United States, was last eligible to vote in North Dakota and, except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies North Dakota's voter eligibility requirements, they may vote in state elections.

Q2) If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and their return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

A2) If the U.S. citizen, before leaving the United States, was last eligible to vote in North Dakota and, except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies North Dakota's voter eligibility requirements, they may vote in state elections.

Q3) If a U.S. citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in state elections?

A3) If the U.S. citizen was born outside the United States and, except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies North Dakota's voter eligibility requirements may vote in state elections if 1) the last place where a parent or legal guardian of the voter was, or would have been, eligible to vote before leaving the United States is within North Dakota; and 2) the individual has not previously registered to vote or voted in any other state.

Q4) If a US citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in federal elections?

A4) If the U.S. citizen was born outside the United States and, except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies North Dakota's voter eligibility requirements may vote in state elections if 1) the last place where a parent or legal guardian of the voter was, or would have been, eligible to vote before leaving the United States is within North Dakota; and 2) the individual has not previously registered to vote or voted in any other state. North Dakota does not issue separate, "federal only" ballots, and so these individuals would vote the same ballot as any other qualified elector of their precinct.

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-----Original Message-----

From: itd@nd.gov [mailto:itd@nd.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:27 PM

To: -Info-Secretary of State <<u>sos@nd.gov</u>>

Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 - 1:26pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

Name: Heather Ventresco

Subject: Overseas Voting

Email Address: <u>hventresco@gmail.com</u>

Phone Number:

Comments:

Hello,

I'm a volunteer helping US citizens, living overseas, vote in US elections.

We want to make sure that <u>votefromabroad.org</u> 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,

Heather Ventresco

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

http://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/9843