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Subject: **questions about voting abroad**

Dear Ms. Augustine-Hamilton,

Thank you for your recent inquiry about whether US citizens can vote in state or federal elections. The difficulty in answering the four questions you included in your email is that each is phrased as a yes or no question. Unfortunately, a yes or no answer to these questions would be an oversimplification of the law. However, ELECT is eager to help provide clear accurate information to overseas voters. I encourage you to reference the Code of Virginia 24.2-452-470, the "Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act". Additionally, I think this particular Code provision will be helpful: under the Code of Virginia 24.2-453, "to be eligible to vote in state and local elections, the application of an overseas voter who has given up his place of abode in Virginia must show that the applicant is employed overseas or the spouse or dependent of a person employed overseas."

I hope this helps answer your initial questions. If you have any followup questions, feel free to send them to me or Terry Wagoner who is cc'd on this message. While we cannot provide legal advice, we are happy to help in whatever way possible.

Thank you,

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