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## RE: Questions re: overseas voting in WV

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Hi Heidi,

You are correct. Overseas voters may only submit the FPCA via mail if <u>registering to vote</u>. Once registered, the FPCA may also be submitted up to October 31, 2018, via regular mail, email or fax. We're looking at our website now to make sure the messaging is consistent.

Regarding FPCAs submitted for voter registration purposes, the deadline is the same as voter registration. For this election, that date is indeed October 16, 2018.

Regarding federal write-in absentee ballots, Brittany's deadline of October 9, 2018, is correct (see W. Va. Code § 3-3-5b(e), which places a 30-day deadline on those special absentee ballots).

Kind regards,

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From: H Burch [mailto:heidilburch@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 3:43 PM To: Donald Kersey <DKersey@wvsos.com> Subject: Questions re: overseas voting in WV

Hi Mr, Kersey,

I'm a volunteer with VoteFromAbroad--we help US citizens and military personnel living overseas when they have questions about voting when they live outside the US or US territories.

We are preparing emails to provide voting information for West Virginia voters and we found some conflicting information that I need to confirm with your office.

1. If an overseas voter submits an FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) to register to vote, can they send in the form by Email or Fax?

Also, I spoke with Brittany this afternoon and she confirmed that:

2. To register to vote, an FPCA sent in by Mail must be **Postmarked** at least 21 days before the election (which works out to Oct 16th).

3. If an overseas voters wishes to use the FWAB (Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot), they must submit their FPCA by Tues, Oct 9th.

Thank you for your help in getting accurate information out to WV voters!

Heidi Burch