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Re: Voting from Abroad

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Good morning,

In response to your questions sent August 23rd:

1. If an overseas voter submits the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote in one year, is the voter required to continue to submit the FPCA by the deadline to register to vote in subsequent years?

Yes, they must submit an FPCA in subsequent years if they do not wish to register permanently via the registration form.

2. If an overseas voter is a permanent registered voter (that is, they registered to vote using the WY Voter Registration form), your website indicates they aren't required to submit a Ballot Request form (https://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/MOVE Absentee Request.aspx).

They aren't required to submit a specific form, but they must still request an absentee. Requests may be done by email, phone, fax, or paper.

FVAP.gov lists Nov 5 as the deadline for an overseas voter to request a ballot (https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/wyoming). Do you know what that deadline refers to?

Absentee's may be requested all the way up until the day before the election. However, if a voter resides overseas, it's recommended to request their ballot with enough time for it to be returned (they can receive the ballot electronically, but must mail it back).

3. Also, is there a requirement that an permanent registered (overseas) voter must have submitted a Ballot Request form if they wish to use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)?

Yes, that is true.

FVAP.gov indicates that if an overseas voter wishes to use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB), the deadline to have registered to vote and requested a ballot is Oct 22nd. (https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/wyoming under "FWAB"). Does this deadline also apply to permanent registered voters who live overseas and wish to use a FWAB or is there a later deadline?

Yes, the same deadline applies.

I've attached our Rules, Ch. 3 for further clarification.

Best, Jennifer

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