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RE: Question re: overseas voting

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To: H Burch <heidilburch@gmail.com>

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Dear Ms. Burch ...

With regard to your inquiries:

Question 1: For the upcoming November 6th General Election, will AL overseas voters have the option return their voted ballots by Online upload if they requested their blank ballots be sent to them via Email/Online?

For the November general election, UOCAVA voters from Alabama who are located outside of the territorial limits of the United States will have the option of submitting their voted absentee ballot through a secure web site if they request that their blank ballot be sent them to electronically. Please note this is not an "upload" process for their ballot. They actually mark their choices using a secure web interface and submit their ballot electronically through that same secure web interface.

Question #2: If AL still provides the option to return overseas ballots by Online upload, is that option available only for the federal general elections, or is it also available for primary and/or state elections?

The option described in the answer to Question #1 is available for all offices and referenda on the November ballot, not just for federal offices on the ballot.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

--Ed

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Hi Mr Packard,

I'm a volunteer with VoteFromAbroad; I was previously in touch with you about previous AL elections and I really appreciate your help in making sure we provide accurate information to AL's overseas voters!

- **Question #1:** For the upcoming November 6th General Election, will AL overseas voters have the option return their voted ballots by Online upload if they requested their blank ballots be sent to them via Email/Online?

I know the Online upload option was available during the Dec 12th Special Election for US Senate, but the AL website for overseas voters (<https://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/military-overseas-voting>) doesn't currently indicate there is an option to return ballots by Online upload.

- **Question #2:** If AL still provides the option to return overseas ballots by Online upload, is that option available only for the federal general elections, or is it also available for primary and/or state elections?

Thank you for your help!

Heidi Burch

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