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## Response to questions re: voting from abroad--Louisiana

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Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 12:02 PM

To: Heidi Burch <HeidiB@democratsabroad.org>

**Sept 10, 2018: Response via telephone from Kate McCithey (LA SOS Elections Dept): 225-922-0900 x608:**

1. If a voter uses the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) **to register to vote**, may they submit their FPCA by **Email or Fax**?

Yes. Per [LA Rev Stat § 18:103\(C\)](#) the voter may mail or transmit the form "electronically"

2. What is the deadline to submit the FPCA to **register to vote**?

**Tues Oct 9th**; 30 days= Sun Oct 7th, but due to holiday on Monday, advances to Tuesday

Oct 16th: deadline to use LA's online system (GeauxVote) which requires state ID

3. If a voter is already registered and uses the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) **to request their overseas ballot**, may they send in their FPCA by **Email or Fax** as well as regular Mail? And is the deadline **4:30pm on the day before the Election**?

Yes, Email and Fax are acceptable and deadline is 4:30 day before Election. But don't wait till last minute, that's supposed to be for emergencies!

4, May an overseas voter return their Voted Ballot via **Fax** as well as Mail?

Yes, but must contact LEO to make prior arrangements. Will need to fill out form to waive right to secret ballot.

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From: **H Burch** <heidilburch@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 4:41 PM

Subject: Questions re: voting from abroad

To: Heidi Burch <HeidiB@democratsabroad.org>

Send via contact form on 8/21:

Hi, I'm a volunteer with VoteFromAbroad--we provide voting information to overseas voters and we found some conflicting information, so we'd like to confirm the following with your office:

1. If a voter uses the FPCA to register to vote, may they submit their FPCA by Email or Fax?

2. What is the deadline to submit the FPCA to register to vote?

Thank you--we appreciate your help in getting accurate information out to overseas voters!

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Volunteer

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Full background:

- 1. If a voter uses the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) **to register to vote**, may they submit their FPCA by **Email or Fax**?

According to FVAP.gov, an FPCA to register to vote may be submitted by Email or Fax or Mail. (<https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/louisiana>).

However, the Louisiana website for overseas voters only indicates **Fax or Mail** is available--and doesn't mention Email--if an overseas voter isn't able to use the online submission feature of the **GeauxVote Online Voter Registration System** (<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Vote/VoteByMail/Pages/MilitaryAndOverseasVoters.aspx> under "Register to Vote")

And further down on the same page, the website refers solely to mailing in the FPCA if an overseas voter isn't able to use the online submission feature of the **GeauxVote Online Voter Registration System** (under "Use the Federal Post Card Application ("FPCA") to Register to Vote and Request an Absentee Ballot at the Same Time").

- 2. What is the deadline to submit the FPCA to **register to vote**?

According to the LA overseas voter website, the deadline to Mail or Fax in the FPCA to register to vote is 30 days prior to the election (<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Vote/VoteByMail/Pages/MilitaryAndOverseasVoters.aspx>). For the Nov 6th Primary Election, that works out to **Sunday, Oct 7th**. Would the deadline advance to the next business day due to the Columbus Day holiday: **Tues, Oct 9th**?

Also, FVAP.gov lists **Oct 16th** as the deadline for FPCAs to be sent in by Email or Fax. (<https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/louisiana>). Are this date correct?

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- 4. May an overseas voter return their Voted Ballot via **Fax** as well as Mail?

FVAP.gov indicates that a voted ballot can be returned by Fax (<https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/louisiana>). The LA overseas voter website sets out the deadlines for returning a voted ballot, but doesn't indicate which transmission methods are acceptable. (<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Vote/VoteByMail/Pages/MilitaryAndOverseasVoters.aspx>)

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Hi,  
I'm a volunteer with VoteFromAbroad--we found more conflicting information, so we'd also like to confirm the following with your office:

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Thank you!  
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