

Guide to Submitting FPCAs

[Federal Post Card Application to **Request A Ballot And/Or Register To Vote**]

DA highly recommends voters use Email or Fax to submit their FPCA!

Email is free and fax is inexpensive, both are far quicker than postal mail or diplomatic pouch. Voters don't need to worry about postal failure or delay. Also, voters can scan their signed forms and send immediately with a smartphone app--no coversheet is required.

Most states accept the FPCA submitted by Email or Fax AND don't require mailing in the original!

Except as set out below, states allow voters to submit their signed, dated and scanned FPCA by Email or FAX without also mailing in the original! *THE EXCEPTIONS ARE:*

- MAIL REQUIRED in all circumstances--whether registering to vote or requesting a ballot:
 - **Alabama**

- MAIL REQUIRED IF USING FPCA TO REGISTER TO VOTE (EMAIL or FAX are ok if a voter is already registered and submitting a ballot request only):
 - **Florida**
 - **Idaho**
 - **Maryland** (*Online submission available)
 - **Oregon**
 - **South Dakota**
 - **West Virginia**
 - **Wisconsin**

- MAIL REQUIRED IF FPCA USED TO REGISTER TO VOTE NOW OR IN THE PAST (EMAIL or FAX are ok to request a ballot if the voter used the state system to register to vote):
 - **Wyoming**

- EMAIL OR FAX OK, BUT MUST ALSO MAIL IN ORIGINAL SIGNED COPY:
 - **Arkansas** (*some counties accept by Email/Fax without need to mail in original)
 - **Connecticut**
 - **New Jersey**
 - **New York**
 - **Rhode Island**
 - ***Texas** (*only if use Fax ; No need to mail in original if submit form by Email)
 - ***Vermont** (*only if use Fax ; No need to mail in original if submit form by Email)

- FAX OK (BUT NOT EMAIL) TO REGISTER TO VOTE:
 - ***California** (*Online submission available; may use Email to request a ballot if already registered to vote)

- ONLINE SUBMISSION AVAILABLE WITHOUT STATE ID:
 - **California** (*ballot request only)
 - **Maryland**
 - **Montana**

REMEMBER: Voters should be sure to email or call their Local Election Official to verify their FPCA form was received and they will be getting their 2018 ballots!

Voters do **not need to show proof of mailing from outside the US--email, fax, mailing from within the US or even hand delivery are acceptable. A non-US postmark or a US consular stamp is not required.*

**Voters may use the “post paid” template on their envelope to mail in their FPCAs without charge if they mail the envelope within the US, or use US military mail or the US diplomatic pouch via the US Embassy or Consulates. The template prints out with the VFA.org Instructions or you can also find it on FVAP.gov at: www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms*