

Virgin Islands

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Registration	August 11, 2010	October 3, 2010
Ballot Request	August 28, 2010	October 19, 2010
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: September 11, 2010 Received by: September 21, 2010	Postmarked by: November 2, 2010 Received by: November 12, 2010

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Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle).

Block 2.e: Date of Birth.

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: The last four digits of your Social Security number are required. If you do not have a social security number, your valid Virgin Islands Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the Virgin Islands will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your Virgin Islands voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 4.c: The Virgin Islands allows you to receive your ballot by mail or fax. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number or email address in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 5: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are a registered non-partisan or undeclared, you must indicate which party ballot you want to receive. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official no later than 30 days prior to the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 6: Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here. Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

The Virgin Islands allows you to submit the FPCA by mail or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office:

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 6038, Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804-6038

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 1499, Kingshill
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00851-1499

If you choose to fax your FPCA, you must also submit the FPCA by mail. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be

found at www.vivote.gov. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office. Contact information can be found at www.vivote.gov.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

Ballot Request By Proxy

If you are currently registered, anyone may apply for an absentee ballot on your behalf if that person can satisfactorily provide the required information about you.

Late Registration

Members of the Armed Forces or merchant marine who have been discharged within 60 days of an election may register and vote in that election by presenting the local election official with their discharge papers.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots no later than 30 days before the election.

Voted ballots must be postmarked by election day and received by the local election office no later than 10 days after the election.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail or fax. Use FPCA fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

The Virgin Islands allows you to use Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in general elections for Federal office. If you are registered and have requested

your absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:

Block 1.a: Select the category that describes you.

Block 1.b: Virgin Islands does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check this block.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth.

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Virgin Islands Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your territory voter registration number.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your Virgin Islands voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 6: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.vivote.gov. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. The Virgin Islands does not elect members to the U.S. Senate or directly participate in the election of the President and Vice President of the U.S. At the Federal level, only a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for regular State absentee ballots. If you receive the regular ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote

and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular ballot will be counted.

The Virgin Islands allows you to submit the FWAB by mail or fax.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the ballot directly to your local election office:

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You Are an Important Part of the American Family. Vote!

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