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### **Colorado Allows Uniformed Services Members Deployed Outside the U.S. to Vote Absentee by Fax and Email**

Colorado announces a new initiative that expands the current provisions for electronic transmission via fax and allows Uniformed Services members deployed outside the U.S. to request, receive and return absentee ballots via email. Colorado will now accept email requests for absentee ballots and process email ballots returned through the Defense Department's Electronic Transmission Service. To request an email or fax ballot, the local County Clerk and Recorder must receive your FPCA by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election. If you believe that a paper ballot has been mailed to you and you have not received the ballot, an email request for a replacement ballot must be received by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on election day. Citizens wishing to receive their blank ballot via fax or email should denote this on the ballot request and include a current fax number and email address.

Emailed voted ballots must be sent to [ets@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:ets@fvap.ncr.gov) and faxed voted ballots must be sent to 703-693-5527, 1-800-368-8683, DSN 223-5527 or to one of FVAP's toll-free fax numbers from outside of the United States and Canada. Refer to Appendix B of the *2006-2007 Voting Assistance Guide* (<http://www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html>) for instructions, other toll-free fax numbers and a cover sheet (which includes a secrecy waiver for voted ballots) for use when transmitting the voted ballot by email or by fax.

Emailed or faxed ballots must be received back by the county elections office before 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time on election day. An absentee ballot that is completed and returned by the voter via email or fax must contain the citizen's printed name, signature, date of birth, and the following statement: "I am a member of the Uniformed Services and am qualified to apply for and vote by absentee ballot. I also understand that by transmitting my voted ballot by electronic mail, I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot."

Overseas Uniformed Services members may send ballots back by email **only if** it is not feasible to return the ballot by mail or by fax by the Colorado postal deadline of 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time on election day.

For assistance, you may contact an FVAP staff member through the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC). The VIC also provides recorded messages from candidates, as well as other information concerning elections, 24 hours a day. Citizens may reach the VIC toll-free using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website, <http://www.fvap.gov/services/tollfree.html>. In the U.S. or Canada call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) or local (703) 588-1343 or use DSN (military) 425-1343.

Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. Additionally, the FVAP can be reached via e-mail at [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov) and on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.