

Official Election Notice—UOCAVA Voters

Bedford County

November 5, 2013, General Election

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in Bedford County on November 5, 2013. **If you are an absent military or overseas citizen eligible to vote in state and local elections, you may register to vote and request a regular absentee ballot for this election by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at WWW.FVAP.GOV** You can electronically apply for ballots by submitting your FPCA by fax to the General Registrar, Barbara Gunter, at 540-586-8358 or scanned email attachment to b.gunter@bedfordcountyva.gov. Detailed instructions are provided in the Virginia Voting Assistance Guide, available at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/vagVA.pdf>

This notice enables you to identify all of the federal, state, local offices and, if applicable, ballot measures this county expects, as of this date, to be on their 11/05/2013 ballot. (See Virginia State Board of Elections website, “What is on my Ballot?” available at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Index.html>).

Virginia law requires an Election Notice for UOCAVA voters not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of a Special Election held at a time other than a regularly scheduled Special Election. As soon as ballot styles are approved, the Virginia State Board of Elections will update its website with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures that will be on the ballot. For most elections, ballots will be sent at least 46 days before the election to voters that have requested them. You may request an updated Election Notice be sent to you.

Using a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

This notice may be used to vote a federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). **Before using a FWAB, you must first request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at WWW.FVAP.GOV** You can electronically apply for ballots by submitting your FPCA by fax to the General Registrar, Barbara Gunter, at 540-586-8358 or scanned email attachment to b.gunter@bedfordcountyva.gov. Detailed instructions are provided in the Virginia Voting Assistance Guide, available at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/vagVA.pdf>

Covered military and overseas voters who have not timely received a regular absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot,

and vote an official military-overseas ballot. Your signed and completed FWAB must be received no later than the close of polls on Election Day. If received later than this day and time, your FWAB ballot normally will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at WWW.FVAP.GOV A FWAB ballot or a regular ballot can only be returned by mail addressed to the voting official for your city or county of voting residence. **Virginia does not allow return of any voted ballot electronically, by email or fax.**

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are against the ballot measure or referendum). If you indicated you wish to participate in a party primary, you may only vote for the candidates of the party you indicated. Please contact your local election official to confirm your absentee or voter registration status. You may also visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website to check your Voter Registration and Absentee Voting status from the home page: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Index.html>

Please check the website for the Virginia State Board of Elections (www.sbe.virginia.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

Using an "Early Ballot"

For statewide gubernatorial elections, Virginia law makes special provision for an early ballot issued 90 days before the election. The deadline to request an early ballot is August 7, 2013, and you must add to your application a statement that "I am unable to vote in any other manner due to overseas military service or due to living in an isolated or extremely remote overseas area."

Requesting an early ballot limits the elections in which you can vote to the statewide office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General; you will not be able to vote in local races or on referendum measures. You may also submit a back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for all elections in which you are eligible.

Before you cast your early ballot, please read through the instructions included with the ballot carefully and completely. If you have any questions, just send an e-mail back to the following address: b.gunter@bedfordcountyva.gov.