



2012 Montana Secretary of State EAS Overview

The Electronic Absentee System will be available for the 2012 General Election beginning at 8:00 a.m. on September 21, 2012, through 8:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012

The UNIFORMED AND ABSENTEE CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) created special provisions to make registering to vote, obtaining, returning and tracking absentee ballots easier for members of the armed forces, their families and overseas U.S. citizens who are absent from their Montana voting residence.

ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE SYSTEM (EAS)

The 2012 EAS provides UOCAVA voters with a one-stop website to seamlessly prepare their voter registration and mark their ballot.

UOCAVA Voters

UOCAVA electors are most commonly identified as one of the following who are absent from their place of residence:

- Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty.
- Spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty.
- U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

AVAILABILITY

UOCAVA Voters can access the EAS beginning 45 days before the 2012 Primary and General Elections.

| Election | Election Day | EAS Availability |
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| Primary | June 5, 2012 | April 20, 2012 – June 5, 2012 |
| General | November 6, 2012 | September 21, 2012 – November 6, 2012 |

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Request Ballot

- Access the EAS from:
 - The Secretary of State’s website: sos.mt.gov/Elections/Military_Overseas
 - The EAS website: Vote4Montana.us
- Complete the Affirmation and user information.
- Review or complete your Montana voting residence information and current mailing address.
- Select your UOCAVA voting status.
- If necessary, complete the Federal Post Card Application so your county election office can assign the correct ballot for your residence.
- Confirm your information.

Step 2: Mark Ballot

- Mark your ballot selections.
- Review and confirm your ballot selections.

Step 3: Submit Ballot

- Select your ballot submission method:

- Depending on the return method you selected, save or print your marked ballot and related materials.
- If returning by Email, ensure your identification numbers are included on the cover sheet. If returning by Fax or Mail, ensure that your cover sheet includes your signature.
- Return your ballot and supporting documents to your [Montana county election office](#).
- Track your ballot online at [My Voter Page](#) or contact your [Montana county election office](#).



QUESTIONS?

For questions about your absentee ballot contact your [Montana county election office](#).

For questions about the EAS contact the Secretary of State at soselections@mt.gov or toll free at 1 (888) 884-8683.