

# 7 FAM 1530 VOTING FORMS SUPPLIES

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*(Office of Origin: CA/OCS/PRI)*

## 7 FAM 1530.1 Ordering FPCAs, FWABs, Voting Assistance Guides, Posters and Election Calendars

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a. Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) and Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWABs)

**Federal Post Card Application (Form FPCA SF-76)** – a simultaneous registration and/or absentee ballot request used by U.S. citizens voting pursuant to the UOCAVA.

Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB SF-186) – a back-up ballot that can be used by UOCAVA citizens in general elections for Federal offices under very specific conditions.

- Maintain a sufficient stock of FPCAs and FWABs. FPCA SF-76 (Revised 1995)(Stock Number 7540006345053): Virtually every state and territory allows use of forms downloaded from the Internet so it may not be necessary to stock as many as in the past.

FWAB SF-186 (Stock Number 7540012184384): VAOs should have a sufficient supply on hand to provide to voters who do not receive their absentee ballots in time to complete and return them by the ballot receipt deadline. The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot form is not available on-line.

FWABs are back-up ballots that can be used by UOCAVA citizens in general elections for Federal offices under three very specific conditions. A citizen must:

- Be located outside the United States, (also applies to those with APO and FPO addresses).

- Apply for a regular ballot early enough so that the appropriate local election official receives the request at least 30 days before the election.
- Not have received the requested regular absentee ballot from the state.

Some states also have special write-in absentee ballots for local, state and Federal offices. (See Chapter II of the VAG "State Special Write-in Absentee Ballot.") See Chapter III of the VAG for individual state requirements and instructions on how overseas voters can request their state's special write-in absentee ballot.

- Contact GSA for current pricing (generally FPCAs are \$10.36/hundred and FWABs \$18.20/hundred).
- Order through the General Services Administration (GSA) as follows:

Telephone: 215-446-5088

FAX: 215-446-5123

E-mail: [burlington.cscorder@gsa.gov](mailto:burlington.cscorder@gsa.gov)

Standard shipment is via pouch and may take 2-4 weeks. Expedited shipment by a courier service or air freight can be costly.

b. Voting Assistance Guides, Posters and Election Calendars (Provided at no cost.)

VAOs should survey their entire network of voting volunteers to determine the quantities needed.

Submit the totals needed to the Department's Chief Voting Action Officer.

Place your order in odd-numbered years before the November general election.

The Chief Voting Action Officer will ship your order via pouch.