

ballot applications and blank absentee ballots available to military and overseas voters include scanning and emailing the materials, and web-based methods, such as allowing voters to download applications and/or ballots directly from the Internet.

- Transmit the voter registration application or absentee ballot application based on the preference selected by the voter. If the voter does not indicate a preference, the application should be sent by mail.
- Protect, throughout the transmission process, to the extent possible, the security of the voter registration and absentee ballot application request, and protect the privacy of the identity and personal data of the voter who requests or is sent a voter registration application or absentee ballot application.
- Designate at least one means of electronic communication for UOCAVA voters to request, and for states to send, voter registration applications, absentee ballot applications, and voting information. The designated means of electronic communication must be included on all information and instructional materials that accompany balloting materials sent to UOCAVA voters.

California Elections Code section 3103 allows for electronic transmission of voter registration applications, absentee ballot applications, and voting information.

- Develop procedures for transmitting blank ballots to UOCAVA voters by mail and electronically for general, special, primary, and runoff elections for federal office. The procedures must allow voters to designate whether they want to receive the blank ballot by mail or electronically. The state must transmit the ballot based on the preference selected by the voter. If the voter does not indicate a preference, the ballot must be delivered by mail.

California Elections Code section 3103(b) allows counties to provide special absentee voters with a special absentee ballot along with a list of measures and candidates that the UOCAVA voter is entitled to vote on.

- Develop a free access system that allows UOCAVA voters to determine whether the appropriate elections official received their marked absentee ballots.

Federal law requires county elections officials to maintain a similar system for people who cast provisional ballots and California Elections Code section 3017(c) requires county elections officials to provide such a system to any Californian who casts a vote-by-mail ballot. County elections officials should

determine if their existing system(s) can be modified to provide this same service to UOCAVA voters if it is not already provided to these voters.

- Accept the special absentee ballot application as a ballot request at least for all federal elections in the calendar year in which it was submitted.

California Elections Code section 3100 specifically requires that anyone who registers as a UOCAVA voter shall be deemed a permanent absentee voter.

- Transmit a requested absentee ballot to the UOCAVA voter not later than 45 days before an election for federal office if an absentee ballot request is received at least 45 days before the election. If the request is received less than 45 days before an election for federal office, the MOVE Act requires that the absentee ballot be sent in accordance with State law and in a manner that expedites the transmission of the ballot.

California Elections Code section 3103 allows the county elections official to begin processing and sending the special absentee ballot with a list of all candidates who have qualified for the ballot 60 days before the election and a list of all measures on which the voter is qualified to vote.

- Work with the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the Federal Voting Assistance Project (FVAP) to develop standards for reporting on the number of ballots transmitted and received and other data as the EAC determines appropriate.
- Accept voter registration and absentee ballot applications, marked absentee ballots, and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWAB) that fail to meet notarization requirements, restrictions on paper type (including weight and size), or restrictions on envelope type (including weight and size).

California law does not impose any notarization requirements or restrictions on paper type or envelope type that a voter must comply with relative to these requests or submissions.

- Accept the FWAB for all special, primary, and runoff elections for federal office.

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