

FAQ#6

**IS THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS AND MILITARY
VOTERS INCREASING?**

Yes. Our office was required by Section 703 of HAVA to survey each county to determine the number of persons registered and voting as military or overseas citizens. A copy of the report showing county-by-county data for both the November and March elections in 2004 will be posted on the SOS web site (http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/hava_county_faq.htm).

Statewide, 62,469 persons living overseas or in the military registered to vote for the November 2, 2004 election, compared to only 9,221 for the March 2, 2004 election. Similarly, 44,686 (71.5%) of such persons actually cast ballots in November, compared to only 3,661 (39.7%) in March.

Perhaps most notably, the new law enabling overseas and military voters to apply for an absentee ballot and vote by FAX resulted in 5,041 FAXed ballots in the November election.