

## **New Jersey Voters, Submit Your Ballot Request NOW for the Gubernatorial Election!**

On November 3, 2009, New Jersey will hold a general election for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Members of the General Assembly and for the office of State Senate for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Districts. You can find a list of candidates at: [http://www.njelections.org/2009\\_general\\_election.html](http://www.njelections.org/2009_general_election.html)

NOTE: You may not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote in this non-Federal election.

### **Register to Vote and Request Your Ballot**

All members of the Uniformed Services, their family members, and overseas citizens who are qualified New Jersey residents should register and request a ballot for this election by completing and submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) immediately. If you have already submitted an FPCA in 2009, you do not need to submit another one unless your address has changed. If you have not submitted an FPCA this year, you must submit one in order to receive a ballot for these State offices. Find out your registration status at: <https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/UserLogin/Login.jsp>.

Send your FPCA NOW to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot! The online version of the FPCA and New Jersey's instructions on how to fill out and submit the form are available at: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Although the registration deadline is October 13, 2009 and the ballot request deadline is October 27, 2009, these dates do not take into account mail delivery times required to receive and return your ballot by Election Day. You should not wait to complete and submit your FPCA, especially if you are completing the process by mail from an overseas location.

To save transit time, send your signed FPCA directly to your local election office via fax or as an email attachment. Fax numbers and email addresses can be found at: [http://www.njelections.org/loc\\_officials\\_doe.html](http://www.njelections.org/loc_officials_doe.html). If you fax or email the FPCA, you must also submit the original by mail.

### **Receive and Return Your Ballot**

Local election officials send ballots approximately 40 days before the election. If you want to receive your blank ballot by fax or as an email attachment, you must mark this preference on your FPCA. Otherwise, the ballot will be mailed to you.

### **Recommended Mailing Dates for Your Voted Ballot**

Although the deadline for your voted ballot to be received by the local election official is 8 pm, November 3, 2009, you should mail your ballot by the following dates to account for mail delivery times.

- From Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom Locations/Deployed Navy Vessels: **October 5, 2009**
- From Other Overseas Military Installations: **October 19, 2009**
- From Other Overseas Locations: **October 5, 2009** (or earlier, depending on foreign mail service)
- From Within the United States: **October 28, 2009**

To make sure your ballot arrives by the deadline, vote and return your ballot IMMEDIATELY upon receiving it! To save transit time, return your voted ballot by fax or as an email attachment. If you fax or email the ballot, you must also submit the original by mail.

**For More Information:** Go to the New Jersey State election website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/> or visit FVAP at: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**We want your feedback!** If this document was helpful to you or if you ran into problems or have questions, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov). Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: [www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html](http://www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html). With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.