

Name of Form:

Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request (FPCA).

Section Reference:

42 U.S.C.A. 1973cc-14, Section 84.007, 101.004, and 114.004, Texas Election Code.

Purpose:

To temporarily register and request early voting ballots for members of armed forces, their spouses and dependents, members of merchant marines, their spouses and dependents, United States citizens domiciled in Texas but temporarily living outside of the U.S., United States citizens dwelling outside the U.S. (Also used for Chapter 114 federal ballot procedure for overseas citizens whose intent to return is uncertain, but whose most recent domicile is Texas.)

Number of Copies Required:

One per person for a period of two federal elections.

Completed by:

Applicant; officer administering oath.

Filing Date:

At any time. The deadline for a particular election is the close of business the 7th day before election day unless a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then on the 8th day (preceding business day).

Filed with:

Early Voting Clerk.

Comments:

The current application allows a voter to receive ballots for all elections in which the applicant is eligible.

The application may be received any time during the voting year and will expire at the end of the period of two federal elections from the date in which the application is received. If the FPCA is received after the 7th day before the federal election, that election does not count as one federal election.

Timeline for FPCA voters using FPCA as temporary registration.

1. FPCA's received no later than the 20th day before the election, FPCA voter gets a full ballot.
2. FPCA's received between 19 – 7 days before the election, FPCA voter gets federal ballot only.
3. FPCA received after the 7th day before the election, FPCA voter does not get a ballot for that election.

The FPCA is retained by the early voting clerk. It is not forwarded to the voter registrar of the county.

Current form is Standard Form 76 Reverse (Rev. 10/05). See also: www.fvap.gov for forms.