

The Move Act

The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act) was passed by Congress as part of the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. The MOVE Act mandates several changes to the military voting process that must be in place by the NOVEMBER 2010 General Election.

Major improvements to the voting process for military and overseas voters will be in place by November 2010. House Bill 1524 and 2206 was approved by the Missouri General Assembly.

The Secretary of State's office will be providing regional trainings to introduce the Local Election Authorities in implementing the process that complies with the MOVE Act. As a reminder the MOVE Act includes the following provisions:

- Absent Military and overseas voters will be able to request voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications by electronic method.
- Voters will be able to designate whether they prefer mail or electronic transmission, and the local election authority will use the method designated by the voter to send the applications and provide related voting and election information.
- Blank absentee ballots may be sent to absent military and overseas voters through a method of electronic communication.
- Absent military and overseas voters will have access to a free system to confirm their absentee ballot was received by the appropriate election official.
- Absentee ballots will be provided to absent military and overseas voters at least 45 days prior to the election.
- Voter registration applications, absent ballot applications and marked absentee ballots may no longer be refused simply because of restriction on paper type and restriction on envelope type.