



# Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE)



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# Background

## Common Hurdles for UOCAVA Voters

According to a 2012 report from a U.S. Department of Defense and NASS delegation that visited U.S. installations in the Middle East:

*“The most common reason given for rejecting a UOCAVA ballot was that the ballot was not received on time or missed a deadline; States reported that 40.4 percent of rejected ballots were rejected for this reason.”*

The report also identified the following hurdles for active service members, their families, and overseas citizens:

- Lack of access to certain technology required to print, mark and return registration and balloting materials (i.e. printer or scanner);
- Need for a single point of contact; and
- Unreliable mail systems.



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## Solutions

EASE is a one-stop-shop that seamlessly integrates registration, ballot request, and ballot marking into a single online resource available 24/7 before an election.

For UOCAVA voters, EASE eliminates:

- The need for access to certain technology to exercise the right to vote;
- Dependency on “snail mail”;
- Confusion by acting as the single resource for UOCAVA voters;
- The need to engage in multiple communications with local election officials; and
- The need for UOCAVA voters to contact local election officials on Nevada time.



# EASE

## One-Stop-Shop

As a completely electronic online resource, EASE eliminates the need for a user to have access to a printer in order to sign their documents with a wet signature, as well as a scanner or fax machine to return their completed materials.

Similar to Online Voter Registration, EASE accomplishes this goal by:

- Collecting basic information from a UOCAVA voter;
  - A Common Access Card (CAC) card can be used to facilitate this process, but is not required.
- Determining what, if any, additional information we need to know about the user; and
- Providing the user with all of their registration and balloting materials, including the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).



# Active Military Demonstration of EASE



# User Comments

This site is much appreciated. I am currently in Afghanistan, and would not been able to vote otherwise.

Thank you. This service is invaluable to me as an overseas voter, and I really don't know if I would have been able to vote otherwise. I really appreciate the work you've all done.

Easy and convenient to use for a sailor out at sea. Thank you for providing this service.

This was excellent! I am proud to be a Nevadan and grateful f or being able to use EASE!



# Questions?

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