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Understanding Special Elections... ...And Some Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I registered years ago and have always received a ballot since then. Do I really have to send in my ballot request again this year?

Even voters who cast ballots this past November or in a recent Special Election must request their ballot again for 2018. This is the only way we are guaranteed the federal protections promised to overseas voters and that our ballots will be counted -- that includes voters who may have received ballots in the past without completing a request that same year.

Q: Because I registered as "live abroad and my return is uncertain," I can only vote in Federal elections. Can I vote this year?

Yes! Federal elections include Senate and House races.

Q: Are votes from abroad really counted?

Yes! If it arrives on time and meets legal requirements, your vote will be counted -- and your vote COUNTS. In 2016, votes from abroad made the difference to elect Maggie Hassan into Senate and Roy Cooper into the Governor's Mansion in North Carolina, and just last year, an election in Virginia was decided by a coin toss. EVERY vote is critical, especially now. It's very possible Americans abroad can decide multiple elections this year.