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The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires states to conduct a canvass prior to primary and general elections. The St. Louis County Board of Elections is conducting a canvass of all our military and overseas civilian voters. In addition to compliance with NVRA, the purpose of this letter is to update our absentee voter files and to provide information on the new legislation concerning military and overseas civilian voters.

In accordance with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act), military and overseas voters are required to apply for absentee ballots on a yearly basis. Requests are only applicable to a current federal election cycle.

To ensure your registration is current and in place for the upcoming 2012 elections, we have enclosed a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA). This form is also available on the St. Louis County's website (www.stlouisco.com/elections), or the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website (www.fvap.gov). Please fill out the form and mail, email or fax to the Election Board. Visit the site if you have any questions or need assistance.

Keep in mind that absentee voting for military and civilians overseas opens 45 days prior to the election date. To assure your ballot reaches you within the timeframe for absentee voting, it is important that we have the most recent information in our voter registration files. Notify our office if you have a change in your mailing address, or have completed your obligation to the military.

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