broadening our thinking: doing what’s best for our UOCAVA voters

Federal Voting Assistance Program

Technical Guidance Development Committee (TGDC)
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Working together is success

Henry Ford
Working Together for You and Your Voters....
Challenges

- Mobility
- Complexity
- Disconnected from Voting Community
- Communication
FVAP’s focus

Customer Service is not a department. It is an attitude.

~Unknown
Postal Mail a huge priority for FVAP and EAC

- Use Postage Paid Indicia for both Military and Overseas Citizen ballots

- Military Ballot Tracking Pilot - CSG

- UOCAVA address
  - Standards
  - Maintenance for local election officials
  - Bundling
EAVS Section B Standard for UOCAVA Voters

- Create a data standard that covers the necessary anonymized, voter-level transactional data for analysis.
- Improve data quality of the existing jurisdiction data through a pipeline and feedback loop.
EAVS Section B Standard for UOCAVA Voters

- Reached out to 29 States/jurisdictions with questionnaire
  - Received 6 completed (continuing outreach)
    - NC supplied data in the new standard

- Working on development of a central data receiver
  - Deployment in the next few weeks
  - Feature development will be ongoing
EAVS Section B Standard for UOCAVA Voters

- Goal is 90% of UOCAVA population covered by 2017

- Work with EAC to reduce EAVS Section B burden on election officials

- Integrate research for reducing overall EAVS burden

- Analyze data to help develop better understanding of voter success
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legislative trends
topics to think about
Automatic Registration

- OR, CA, & WV adopted
- Potential impact on UOCAVA?
  - Unknowing registration
  - Impact on registration status in another state
    - Tax implications?
  - Receiving ballot?
Online Registration

• 32 States and D.C. offer online registration
• Classification for UOCAVA?
  • CSG Recommendation
Permanent Registration

- Encourage Permanent Registration
  - CSG Recommendation
  - PCEA Recommendation
- Provides voter certainty
  - Reduces confusion
- Majority of states have perm registration
37 States have a provision that allows certain “never resided” voters to vote based on their parents’ last residence in the U.S.

FVAP is looking into this topic and will share additional research and any recommendations.
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outreach and education
Using a proven method in a new way......
Things you should know from FVAP

- UOCAVA Saturday

- Current messaging is about registration
  - Shift to use of back up ballot

- Be diligent when sending materials electronically
  - Attachments (blank ballots) and hyperlinks

- Any problems, issues, challenges related to military and overseas voting..... WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
Questions?

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