

The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act* Overview

The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act* is commonly referred to as *UOCAVA*. *UOCAVA* citizens are U.S. citizens who are active members of the Uniformed Services the Merchant Marine, and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, their eligible family members and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. This Act provides the legal basis for these citizens' absentee voting requirements for Federal offices.

The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) amended *UOCAVA* and other statutes by providing greater protections for Service Members, their eligible family members and other overseas citizens. Among other provisions, the *MOVE Act* requires States to send absentee ballots to *UOCAVA* voters at least 45 days before Federal election

If you need an absentee ballot for this purpose you may email your request to the NC State Board of Elections at: absentee@ncsbe.gov