

# Washington State: 2010 MOVE Act Implementation

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# Snapshot of Washington

50,000 UOCAVA voters

5<sup>th</sup> largest UOCAVA  
population

Five military bases



# UOCAVA turnout

## 2008 General Election

- 67,500 ballots issued
- 73% turnout among military and overseas voters
- 99% of all military and overseas ballots were counted

## 2010 General Election

- 52,000 ballots issued
- 40% turnout among military and overseas voters
- 99% of all military and overseas ballots were counted

# Pre-MOVE program for UOCAVA Voters

- Washington tracks UOCAVA status, on an ongoing basis, as part of registration; not election-by-election.
- Exempt from voter registration deadlines.
- Don't need to request an absentee ballot; sent automatically.
- FPCAs are registered and then automatically sent a ballot for each election.
- 51 days of total transit time for a General Election ballot.
- Accept the FWAB for *all* elections.
- Accept the FWAB for voter registration.
- 15 years of experience sending blank ballots via fax and email .

## Why did WA apply for a waiver?

Primary	August 17
Primary Certified	September 7
45 day deadline	September 18

Nine business days between certification and the 45 day deadline was not sufficient to prepare 55,000 to 65,000 accurate ballot packets.

# Electronic Ballot Delivery

We surveyed our 50,000 UOCAVA voters to learn how they preferred to receive their ballot – for all elections.

Noteworthy findings:

- 21% response rate
- Learned that 4% are no longer UOCAVA voters
- 54% want their ballot emailed, or to access it online
- 46% preferred to receive their ballot by traditional mail

# Electronic Ballot Delivery

- *Scytl*
  - FVAP's Electronic Voting Support Wizard
  - 2 counties
- *Democracy Live*
  - County self-funded
- MyBallot & MyBallot Status
  - SOS solution
  - 36 of 39 counties

## 2010 Turnout Details

- 52,422 UOCAVA ballots issued
- 40% turnout
- 20,830 received
- 20,561 were counted; 269 were rejected
- 99% were counted



## Next Steps

- Legislation
  - Move the Primary two weeks earlier
  - Accept voted ballots returned by email or fax
- Complete MyBallot – on screen markable
- Decide whether to apply for an FVAP grant

# Questions?



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