

STATE OF IDAHO OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEN YSURSA

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PRESS RELEASE

Secretary of State Ben Ysursa announced today that absentee ballots have been mailed out statewide and Idaho has met the Federal deadline to mail absentee ballots to Uniformed and Overseas voters.

All Idaho counties have mailed absentee ballots to those registered voters that have requested one. Voters should expect to see their absentee ballots arriving in the mail this week. Counties will continue to mail absentee ballots to voters as soon as they receive the requests.

On the state's official voting information website, www.idahovotes.gov, a new tool has been developed to allow voters to check the status of their absentee ballot. Voters can check when their absentee ballot was issued and, after returning their absentee ballot, they can check the website again to verify their absentee ballot was received by the county.

The Secretary also announced today that Idaho has complied with the 45 day Federal deadline of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, called the MOVE Act. Absentee ballots have been mailed to all Military and Overseas voters that have requested an absentee ballot to date.

Secretary Ysursa said "The right to vote is the essence of democracy, and as precious as the right to vote is to us at home, it is even more precious to those defending that very right abroad. Our counties make every effort to deliver ballots to our Military voters in a timely manner so that their votes will be counted along with all other ballots on Election Day, November 2nd."