

## **Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (“MOVE” Act)**

***Attention Military and Overseas Civilian Voters who are eligible to register and vote in Michigan!***

New state and federal laws make it easier for military and overseas civilian voters to register and participate in elections. Under the new laws, military and overseas civilian voters can now receive a ballot by e-mail or fax to speed the voting process! **(The voted ballot must be returned by mail for security purposes).**

***Are you in communication with military or overseas civilian voters who are eligible to register and vote in Michigan!***

If so, we encourage you to inform them that new state and federal laws make it easier for military and overseas civilian voters to register and participate in elections. Most importantly, military and overseas civilian voters can now receive a ballot by e-mail or fax to speed the voting process! **(The voted ballot must be returned by mail for security purposes).**

Military and overseas civilian voters interested in obtaining ballots for the elections that will be held this year must request a ballot through their local city or township clerk. Requests for absentee ballots submitted **prior to 2010** are no longer valid and cannot be processed.

The following Michigan voters are **‘covered’ voters** under the new state and federal laws:

1. A member of a uniformed service on active duty who is absent from his/her city or township of residence. **(Voter can be inside or outside the United States).**
2. A member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from his/her city or township of residence. **(Voter can be inside or outside the United States).**
3. A spouse or dependent of a member of a uniformed service or a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from his/her city or township of residence. **(Voter can be inside or outside the United States).**
4. A civilian voter who is outside the United States and is eligible to vote in Michigan.

You may obtain a Federal Post Card Application form by e-mail at [holmesy@pittsfield-mi.gov](mailto:holmesy@pittsfield-mi.gov) or a link to the FPCA form that appears on the website maintained by the Federal Voting Assistance Program office [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) . You may also obtain a form by fax by calling 734-822-3120.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Pittsfield Charter Township Clerk’s Office.