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Tulsa County voters get first look at new Military and Overseas Ballots Online system

(TULSA) – Military and overseas voters registered in Tulsa County will get a chance to use a new Military and Overseas Ballots Online system in the April 1 election.

Federal and state laws require ballots be made available electronically for military and overseas voters. Oklahoma has previously complied with the law by allowing those ballots to be sent via e-mail and returned by mail or fax.

The new system streamlines the process by allowing voters to login via a secure link to download their ballots instead of having to receive them by e-mail. Ballots can be marked before they are printed or filled out by hand. Completed ballots can then be returned by mail or fax.

The new system also allows all military and overseas voters, including those who receive their ballots by mail, to track whether their ballot has been received by their local election board.

The system will be put in place statewide later this year. Tulsa County voters are getting the first chance to use the new system in the April 1 election. Military and overseas voters registered in Tulsa County who have already signed up to have their ballots delivered electronically should have received an e-mail explaining the new system.

Eligible voters who have not signed up to receive ballots electronically can do so by filling out a Federal Post Card Application at www.FVAP.gov and submitting it to their local county election board. The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the April 1 election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 26.

Information about the new system is available by emailing the Tulsa County Election Board at tco@email.tulsacounty.org, or contacting Tulsa County Election Board Secretary Patty Bryant at (918) 596-5780.

More information about absentee voting can be found online at the Oklahoma State Election Board's website: <http://elections.ok.gov>.