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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Encourages Overseas Voters to Vote in 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly Vacancy Special Election**

*Election to be held Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>*

Sacramento, CA – Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today urged military personnel and citizens who are living abroad and are registered or eligible to register to vote to participate in the September 13<sup>th</sup> special election in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District (Los Angeles County) to fill the vacancy left from the sudden death of Assemblyman Mike Gordon.

"I encourage all eligible voters to take part in this election, including those who are currently living and serving abroad," Secretary McPherson said. "I applaud the service of America's military and hope all service men and women will take the time to exercise the very rights they are defending."

The entire 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District is located within the boundaries of Los Angeles County. To determine whether you are in the above district, go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) and simply click on "Communicating With Your Elected Officials," then "Who is my Representative?"

Both federal and state laws allow California military personnel and those who are visiting or living abroad to vote and return their ballots by mail or fax. The elections office must receive all voted ballots, including those voted by overseas and military citizens, no later than the close of polls or 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Voters can obtain details about their right to vote and download the appropriate forms by visiting the Secretary of State website at [www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_mov.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm).

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