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“On December 7th, the State of Delaware will unveil its “VoteDelaware” system to facilitate registration and voting by our military and overseas citizen voters,” according to State Election Commissioner Elaine Manlove .

.VoteDelaware is a web-based system developed by the State that will facilitate registration and voting by Delaware’s military and overseas citizen voters. Though use of the system, Delaware’s military and overseas citizens, can register to vote, apply for an absentee ballot and have their ballots delivered to them in the manner they choose (mail, email or FAX). The voters can also return their voted ballots in the manner they choose.

Military and overseas citizen voters have a more difficult time exercising their right to vote. Delaware has been at the forefront in making the process simpler for these citizens. In 2010, the State partnered with the Federal Voting Assistance Program to give those citizens the tools to receive their ballots electronically, mark them, and then return them as they chose – by mail, FAX or email. The program was very successful and was praised by those who used it.

VoteDelaware is the home-grown expansion of the 2010 success. The system has been used during a soft-launch by citizens in Germany, Sweden, Tanzania and Afghanistan. Their suggestions have been incorporated into *VoteDelaware*.

The registration module is ready for use and the ballot delivery and marking component will be first used for the April 24, 2012 Presidential Primary.

“We are proud to be able to give those living far away and serving our country state-of-the-art tools to exercise their right to vote,” stated Mrs. Manlove.

A demonstration of the system will be conducted at the office of the State Election Commissioner 905 S. Governor’s Avenue, Dover, on Wednesday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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