

**IN THE UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**SPC Steven J. Reitz, and** )  
**SPC Matthew J. Schramm,** )  
**By and Through Their Powers of Attorney,** )  
**Individually,** )

V. )

**The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor** )  
**of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and** )  
**The Honorable Pedro Cortes, Secretary of the** )  
**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, In Their** )  
**Official Capacities,** )

**Defendants.** )

**NO.**

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2004, that:

1. The deadline for the filing of absentee military and overseas ballots by voters who are qualified to vote in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is extended to November 17, 2004, and the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth is directed to take all reasonable steps necessary to accept absentee ballots from military and other overseas voters, as defined by UOCAVA, if received by that date, notwithstanding any other deadline imposed by state law.

2. The Secretary of State of the Commonwealth shall direct all county boards of election to accept any vote for federal office in the General Election that is received on a federal write-in absentee ballot by November 17, 2004.

3. The Commonwealth shall provide overseas voters the opportunity to return ballots by overnight delivery, and pay for the expense of the overnight delivery.

4. The Defendants shall give notice of and otherwise publicize the extended deadline to all qualified UOCAVA protected voters who requested absentee ballots in any Pennsylvania county.

5. The Secretary of the Commonwealth to file a report with the United States Department of Justice and the Court setting forth the total number of issued and received absentee ballots in the General Election of November 2, 2004, in accordance with UOCAVA.

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J.