

Zeitschrift: Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand
Herausgeber: Swiss Society of New Zealand
Band: 67 (2001)
Heft: [3]

Artikel: Voting while in Switzerland
Autor: Leuenberger, Heinz
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-945128>

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 27.12.2025

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

VOTING WHILE IN SWITZERLAND

(Article provided by Heinz Leuenberger - Delegate for Swiss Abroad)

Question: I'm registered to vote and I happen to be in Switzerland at the next voting date. Can I put my voting papers directly into the ballot box at the county where I'm registered?

Answer: Yes you can do so - conditional that you inform the county at least six weeks prior to the voting date - of your intentions. You can do this in person or in writing. In such a situation the voting papers will be sent to your temporary address in Switzerland rather than to your domicile abroad.

- Should you need further info, please contact: Alessia Radaelli, Leiterin Rechtsdienst, Secretariat Bern.

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE SWISS ABROAD

The legal service at the Swiss Abroad Secretariat receives numerous inquiries regarding the political rights of Swiss living abroad. Here is an overview of the more pertinent questions the service is asked to comment on:

INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA

Question: The Swiss Revue regularly publishes a list of the upcoming popular Initiatives including addresses of the respective organising committees. How do I have to go about it, if I want to support one or more of them?

Answer: First you have to be registered for the postal ballot with your county or canton of origin. Once registered, you can contact the representative Initiative committee and request a signature list. Fill it in, sign it, and send it back. Should you be on the Internet, you can visit www.revue.ch and download the required list and proceed as above. (registration form for postal voting is included in the latest Swiss Revue. All club presidents, Deputy Delegate Marie-Therese and myself have spare copies available)

Question: What do I do if I happen to be in Switzerland and would like to support an Initiative?

Cultural Exhibitions and Festivals from Switzerland

(As advised by the Swiss Embassy)

Why make Prints ? This Exhibition shows the development of printmaking in Switzerland, since 1960, in over 70 works by 51 artists. The works document developments from screenprinting, to the experimental woodcut, engraving, lithography and, finally, the involvement of the computer. (See also July / August *Helvetia*)

Dunedin **14 May - 24 June 2001**
at Otago Museum, 419 Great King Street, Dunedin

An exhibition by the Swiss abstractionist painter Helmut Federle will be held in Auckland (details below) from April to June 2001. Mr. Federle, born in 1944 in Solothurn and now living in St. Margrethen, Vienna, and Düsseldorf, has exhibited widely throughout the world since 1976. In an essay describing his views on his art, and art in general, he has said that *"It is my relationship to tradition that shows me which way to go in the future. In this connection it is important for me to add that my reference to past quality was never formal but rather organic. Many of today's references are purely formal and thus static."*

The exhibition is in New Zealand with assistance from PRO HELVETIA : Arts Council of Switzerland.

19 April - 2 June 2001

Jensen Gallery
61 Upper Queen Street
AUCKLAND
Tel: 09/336 1808

Answer: Provided you are registered for the postal ballot you proceed as above, taking care to give your correct domicile from abroad and not your temporary holiday address.

have voting rights on cantonal matters; Bern, Baselland, Genf, Jura, Solothurn, Schwyz and Tessin.

VOTING IN FEDERAL OR CANTONAL MATTERS

Question: I live abroad and am registered in the canton of "A". At the last Federal Elections (Oct.1999) I was only able to vote for the National Council, while a friend who is registered in Canton "B" was able to vote for the Senate (Ständerat) as well. Why?

Answer: All registered Swiss Abroad can (as voters or candidates) take part in the Elections of the National Council as this is a Federal Statute. The election of the Senate (Ständerat) is a cantonal matter and is therefore only possible in cantons that have the postal rights for Swiss Abroad included in their cantonal statute.

Question: In which cantons can Swiss Abroad vote for the Senate?

Answer: At this point in time, Swiss Abroad from the following cantons



AVAILABLE NOW!
New Zealand's finest
Delicatessen
Meats



Continental Frying/Boiling
Sausages . Specialty Meats
Meat Loaves . Smoked Meats
Cold Cuts  Salamis

09 274 4455

FAX: 09 274 1203

68-70 Greenmount Drive
(off Harris Road, opposite Delmaine)

East Tamaki, Auckland

Hours: Mon. to Wed. 8.30am - 4pm
Thur./Fri. 7.30am - 5pm, Sat. 8am - 1pm