

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5840

To amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters serving at diplomatic and consular posts of the United States are able to receive and transmit balloting materials in the same manner and with the same rights and protections as other absent uniformed services voters under such Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. COOK, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BACON, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. WALKER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. MAST, Mr. TURNER, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. LOUDERMILK, and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Counting All Military  
5 Votes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ABILITY OF ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS**  
7 **SERVING AT DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR**  
8 **POSTS TO RECEIVE AND TRANSMIT BAL-**  
9 **LOTING MATERIALS.**

10 (a) ENSURING ABILITY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(b) of the Uni-  
12 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act  
13 (52 U.S.C. 20301(b)) is amended—

14 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
15 graph (10);

16 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
17 paragraph (11) and inserting “; and”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
19 paragraph:

20 “(12) take such actions as may be necessary to  
21 ensure that an absent uniformed services voter who  
22 is absent from the United States by reason of active  
23 duty or service at a diplomatic and consular post of  
24 the United States is able to receive and transmit  
25 balloting materials in the same manner and with the

1 same rights and protections as an absent uniformed  
2 services voter who is absent from the United States  
3 by reason of active duty or service at a military in-  
4 stallation.”.

5 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
6 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to elec-  
7 tions held on or after the date of the enactment of  
8 this Act.

9 (b) CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT AS ABSENT UNI-  
10 FORMED SERVICES VOTERS.—Section 107(1)(A) of such  
11 Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(1)(A)) is amended by striking “ac-  
12 tive duty” and inserting “active duty (including active  
13 duty or service at a diplomatic and consular post of the  
14 United States)”.

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