

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4851

To amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to require nonmilitary overseas voters to provide evidence of residence in a State as a condition of receiving an absentee ballot under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2025

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona (for himself, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. OGLES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Proving Residency for
5 Overseas Voter Eligibility Act” or the “PROVE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING EVIDENCE OF RECENT RESIDENCE IN**
2 **STATE FOR NONMILITARY OVERSEAS VOT-**
3 **ERS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Uniformed and Overseas
5 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.)
6 is amended by inserting after section 104 the following
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 104A. REQUIRING EVIDENCE OF RECENT RESIDENCE**
9 **IN STATE FOR NONMILITARY OVERSEAS VOT-**
10 **ERS.**

11 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—

12 “(1) ABSENTEE BALLOTS TRANSMITTED BY
13 STATE.—A State may not transmit an absentee bal-
14 lot to an overseas voter unless the voter provides the
15 State with a verifiable mailing address within the
16 State of—

17 “(A) a current residence of the voter; or

18 “(B) a current residence of a spouse, par-
19 ent, or legal guardian of the voter.

20 “(2) FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT.—

21 The Presidential designee may not transmit a Fed-
22 eral write-in absentee ballot to an overseas voter
23 under section 103 unless the voter provides the
24 Presidential designee with a verifiable mailing ad-
25 dress within the State in which the voter seeks to
26 vote of—

1 “(A) a current residence of the voter; or

2 “(B) a current residence of a spouse, par-
3 ent, or legal guardian of the voter.

4 “(b) VOTING IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE
5 IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—An overseas voter who fails
6 to provide the information required under subsection (a)
7 for the receipt of an absentee ballot in a regularly sched-
8 uled general election for Federal office held in the State
9 in which the voter seeks to vote—

10 “(1) may vote in a regularly scheduled general
11 election for Federal office in the District of Colum-
12 bia which is held on the same date; and

13 “(2) for purposes of this Act and the applicable
14 laws of the District of Columbia governing elections
15 for Federal office in the District of Columbia, shall
16 be considered to be a resident of the District of Co-
17 lumbia with respect to that election.

18 “(c) NON-APPLICATION TO ABSENT UNIFORMED
19 SERVICES VOTER.—This section does not apply to an ab-
20 sent uniformed services voter.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amend-
22 ments made by this Act shall apply with respect to elec-
23 tions held during 2026 or any succeeding year.

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