

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3856

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the right of deployed members of the Armed Forces who are elected members of State and local legislatures to vote on matters pending before such legislatures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. RIGHT OF DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE**
4 **ARMED FORCES WHO ARE ELECTED TO**
5 **STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATURES TO VOTE.**

6 (a) GUARANTEE OF RIGHT TO VOTE.—Title VII of
7 the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 591

1 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 707. MEMBERSHIP IN STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLA-**
4 **TURES.**

5 “A person who is an elected member of a State or
6 local legislature who is absent from the State or local area
7 in compliance with military or naval orders shall not, sole-
8 ly by reason of that absence, be denied the right to vote
9 on any matter pending before that legislature.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the
12 end of the items relating to title VII the following new
13 item:

“707. Membership in State and local legislatures.”.

