

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1655

To amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to require States to delay certifying the results of regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office in order to ensure the counting of any marked absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters that are collected by the Presidential designee under such Act for delivery to State election officials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Military Overseas Bal-
3 lot Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DELAY IN CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF GEN-**
5 **ERAL ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE IN**
6 **ORDER TO COUNT ABSENTEE BALLOTS OF**
7 **ABSENT OVERSEAS UNIFORMED SERVICES**
8 **VOTERS.**

9 Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
10 Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1) is amended by
11 adding at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(j) DELAY IN CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF CER-
13 TAIN ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO COUNT ABSENTEE BAL-
14 LOTS OF ABSENT OVERSEAS UNIFORMED SERVICES VOT-
15 ERS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not certify the
17 results of a regularly scheduled general election for
18 Federal office until the State has counted all of the
19 valid marked absentee ballots of absent uniformed
20 services voters cast in the election which are col-
21 lected by the Presidential designee and delivered to
22 the appropriate election officials in the State under
23 section 103A.

24 “(2) PERMITTING CERTIFICATION AT CERTAIN
25 TIME AFTER ELECTION.—Notwithstanding para-
26 graph (1), a State may certify the results of a regu-

1 larly scheduled general election for Federal office on
2 the later of—

3 “(A) the expiration of the 10-day period
4 which begins on the date of the election; or

5 “(B) the date provided under State law.”.

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