

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3343

To amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to require States upon request to provide absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters who receive absentee ballots in an election for Federal office held in the State with absentee ballots for all subsequent elections for Federal office held in the State through the next regularly scheduled general election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2017

Mr. KIHUEN 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Servicemember Voting
3 Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF SINGLE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**
5 **FOR SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 104 of the Uniformed and
7 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20306)
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 104. USE OF SINGLE APPLICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT**
10 **ELECTIONS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a State accepts and processes
12 an official post card form (prescribed under section 101)
13 submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or over-
14 seas voter for simultaneous voter registration and absen-
15 tee ballot application (in accordance with section
16 102(a)(4)) and the voter requests that the application be
17 considered an application for an absentee ballot for each
18 subsequent election for Federal office held in the State
19 through the next regularly scheduled general election for
20 Federal office (including any runoff elections which may
21 occur as a result of the outcome of such general election),
22 the State shall provide an absentee ballot to the voter for
23 each such subsequent election.

24 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR VOTERS CHANGING REGISTRA-
25 TION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
26 voter registered to vote in a State for any election held

1 after the voter notifies the State that the voter no longer
2 wishes to be registered to vote in the State or after the
3 State determines that the voter has registered to vote in
4 another State or is otherwise no longer eligible to vote in
5 the State.

6 “(c) PROHIBITION OF REFUSAL OF APPLICATION ON
7 GROUNDS OF EARLY SUBMISSION.—A State may not
8 refuse to accept or to process, with respect to any election
9 for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration
10 application or absentee ballot application (including the
11 postcard form prescribed under section 101) submitted by
12 an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter on
13 the grounds that the voter submitted the application be-
14 fore the first date on which the State otherwise accepts
15 or processes such applications for that election which are
16 submitted by absentee voters who are not members of the
17 uniformed services or overseas citizens.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
19 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to voter registration
20 and absentee ballot applications which are submitted to
21 a State or local election official on or after the date of
22 the enactment of this Act.

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