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Military Voting Support Act of 2001

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Sponsor

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Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Apr 4, 2001
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 8, 2001
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		May 17, 2001
Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 27, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 27, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2001)

Military Voting Support Act of 2001 - Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to prohibit: (1) a State from refusing to count a ballot submitted in an election for Federal office by an absent uniformed services voter because it was improperly or fraudulently cast, unless the State finds clear and convincing evidence of fraud in ballot preparation or casting; and (2) lack of identifying information from being considered clear and convincing evidence of fraud.

Amends the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, for purposes of voting for any State or Federal office, to prohibit a person in military service absent from a State because of compliance with military or naval orders, from being deemed, solely by reason of that absence, to have: (1) lost a residence or domicile in any State; (2) acquired a residence or domicile in any other State; or (3) become a resident in or a resident of any other State.

Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act to require each State to: (1) permit absent uniformed services voters to use absentee registration procedures and vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary, and runoff elections for State and local office; and (2) accept and process, with respect to any such election, any otherwise valid voter registration application from an absent uniformed services voter, if the application is received by the appropriate State election official before the election.

Amends Federal armed forces law to authorize: (1) the Secretary of a military department to make a building located on a military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary available for use as a polling place in any Federal, State, or local election for public office; and (2) the Secretary of Defense to make reserve component facilities available for the same purpose.

Requires each State, with respect to any recently separated uniformed services voter requesting to vote in a Federal election, to: (1) deem the voter to be a resident of the State; (2) waive any residency or domicile requirement; (3) accept and process any otherwise valid voter registration application from the voter on the day of the election; and (4) permit the voter to vote.

Directs the Secretary, during Federal elections in 2002, to establish a demonstration project to determine the feasibility and advisability of using an electronic voting system by uniformed services voters during such elections in 2004.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1523-1524)
- **Feb 15, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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