

HR 5575

To amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, and the Revised Statutes to remove the uncertainty regarding the authority of the Department of Defense to permit buildings located on military installations and reserve component facilities to be used as polling places in Federal, State, and local elections for public office.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 8, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Authorizes the Secretary of a military department to make a building located on a military installation available for use as a polling place in any Federal, State, or local election for public office provided such use is limited to eligible voters who reside on that installation. Requires such building to continue to be made available for such use unless the Secretary notifies the appropriate State or local election officials of the reasons for discontinuing such availability. Authorizes a State to make a facility of the reserves available for such purpose, with the same continuation or notification requirement.

Amends the Revised Statutes to deem the use of military installations or reserve facilities for polling purposes to be consistent with Federal voting rights law.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 28, 2002:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
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