

S 3073

Military Voting Protection Act of 2008

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		May 22, 2008
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 22, 2008
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		May 22, 2008
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 22, 2008
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		May 22, 2008
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Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 9, 2008
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 10, 2008
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 26, 2008
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Jul 23, 2008
Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]	R · NH		Jul 23, 2008
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 25, 2008
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 29, 2008
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 31, 2008
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 17, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Oct 2, 2008
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Oct 2, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5673	Related bill	Apr 1, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2008)

Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to direct the Secretary of Defense (the presidential designee) to establish procedures for: (1) collecting marked absentee ballots of military overseas voters in elections for federal office; and (2) delivering such ballots to the appropriate state election officials.

Requires the designee to: (1) ensure that such ballots are delivered prior to the time established for the closing of the polls on the date of the election; and (2) carry out delivery requirements through a contract with one or more providers of express mail services, which shall include a mechanism for ballot tracking. Provides a special rule for voters in jurisdictions using post office boxes for the collection of such ballots. Prohibits states from refusing to accept such ballots on the grounds that they were not delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

Authorizes appropriations.

Directs the designee to: (1) provide outreach to absentee military voters on the procedures established under this Act; (2) report, after each general election, to the congressional defense and appropriations committees on the utilization of such procedures; and (3) submit a one-time report to such committees on the status of implementation of this Act.

Prohibits states from refusing to accept voter registration and absentee ballot applications and write-in ballots for failure to meet nonessential requirements (requirements not clearly necessary to prevent fraud in the conduct of elections).

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Senate Committee on Rules and Administration discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10394-10396)
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 22, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4805)
- **May 22, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.