

## HR 3646

### Reducing Barriers for Military Voters Act

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Dec 30, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Dec 13, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	May 28, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	Mar 1, 2022: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.
117 S 2328	Identical bill	Jul 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## Summary (as of May 28, 2021)

### Reducing Barriers for Military Voters Act

This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to develop a plan for providing end-to-end electronic voting services (e.g., services for registering to vote and returning a ballot) in participating states for absent uniformed service members who are deployed or mobilized in locations with limited or no postal service.

Specifically, DOD must develop the plan by consulting with state and local election officials. Further, the plan must include (1) methods to ensure that voters have the opportunity to verify that their ballots are received and tabulated, (2) methods to generate a verifiable and auditable vote trail, and (3) an assessment of whether commercially available technologies may be used to carry out the plan.

DOD must implement the plan for a trial group of voters in participating states for the 2024 federal elections. The plan must be implemented for all voters in participating states for the 2026 federal elections and subsequent years.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.