

HR 6242

VOTES Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 13, 2024
Rep. Lee, Laurel M. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jun 14, 2024
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 9, 2024
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2024
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 11, 2024
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Sep 11, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Markup By	Sep 11, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Voting Overseas Treated Equally for Servicemembers Act of 2023 or the VOTES Act of 2023

This bill expands the definitions of *absent uniformed services voter* and *overseas voter* for purposes of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).

UOCAVA requires that states and jurisdictions allow certain groups of citizens to register and vote absentee in federal elections. Absent uniformed services voters under UOCAVA are primarily active duty service members who are away from their voting residence. These include members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. The current definition of *absent uniformed services voter* also includes (1) members of the merchant marine and commissioned officers of the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and (2) spouses or dependents who also are absent from their voting residence due to the member's active duty or service.

This bill expands the definition of *absent uniformed services voter* to include (1) members on active service or inactive duty training who are absent from their voting residence, and (2) spouses or dependents who are absent from their voting residence due to the member's active service or inactive duty training.

The bill also expands the definition of *overseas voter* to include an absent uniformed services voter who, by reason of active service or inactive duty training, is absent from the United States on the date of the election involved.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.