

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 6242

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. FROST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voting Overseas Treat-  
5 ed Equally for Servicemembers Act of 2023” or the  
6 “VOTES Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF THE COVERAGE OF THE DEFINITION**  
2 **OF ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER**  
3 **UNDER THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS**  
4 **CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 107 of the Uniformed and  
6 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20310)  
7 is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (1)(A) by striking “on ac-  
9 tive duty” and inserting “on active duty, active serv-  
10 ice, or inactive duty-training as defined, respectively,  
11 by section 101(d) of title 10, United States Code,”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (1)(A) by striking “such  
13 active duty” and inserting “such duty status”;

14 (3) in subparagraph (1)(C) by striking “active  
15 duty or service” and inserting “active duty, active  
16 service, or inactive duty-training”; and

17 (4) in subparagraph (5)(A) by striking “active  
18 duty or service” and inserting “active duty, active  
19 service, or inactive duty-training as defined, respec-  
20 tively, by section 101(d) of title 10, United States  
21 Code,”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall apply to elections occurring after Janu-  
24 ary 1, 2025.