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H. R. 3646

To direct the Presidential designee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to develop and implement a plan to provide end-to-end electronic voting services for absent uniformed services voters under such Act who are deployed or mobilized to locations with limited or immature postal service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. TURNER, Mr. VELA, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. TIMMONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Reducing Barriers for
5 Military Voters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING END-TO-END ELECTRONIC VOTING**
2 **SERVICES FOR ABSENT UNIFORMED SERV-**
3 **ICES VOTERS IN LOCATIONS WITH LIMITED**
4 **OR IMMATURE POSTAL SERVICE.**

5 (a) PLAN.—

6 (1) DEVELOPMENT.—In consultation with the
7 Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-
8 fense, the Presidential designee under the Uni-
9 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
10 (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.) shall develop a plan for
11 providing end-to-end electronic voting services (in-
12 cluding services for registering to vote, requesting an
13 electronic ballot, completing the ballot, and return-
14 ing the ballot) in participating States for absent uni-
15 formed services voters under such Act who are de-
16 ployed or mobilized to locations with limited or im-
17 mature postal service (as determined by the Presi-
18 dential designee).

19 (2) SPECIFICATIONS.—The Presidential des-
20 ignee shall include in the plan developed under para-
21 graph (1)—

22 (A) methods to ensure that voters have the
23 opportunity to verify that their ballots are re-
24 ceived and tabulated correctly by the appro-
25 priate State and local election officials;

1 (B) methods to generate a verifiable and
2 auditable vote trail for the purposes of any re-
3 count or audit conducted with respect to an
4 election; and

5 (C) an assessment of whether commercially
6 available technologies may be used to carry out
7 any of the elements of the plan.

8 (3) CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL
9 ELECTION OFFICIALS.—The Presidential designee
10 shall develop the plan under paragraph (1) in con-
11 sultation with appropriate State and local election
12 officials to ensure that the plan may be implemented
13 successfully in any State which agrees to participate
14 in the plan.

15 (4) USE OF CONTRACTORS.—To the extent the
16 Presidential designee determines to be appropriate,
17 the Presidential designee may include in the plan de-
18 veloped under paragraph (1) provisions for the use
19 of contractors to carry out any of the elements of
20 the plan.

21 (5) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 1 year after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
23 dential designee shall submit the plan developed
24 under paragraph (1) to the Committees on Armed

1 Services of the House of Representatives and Sen-
2 ate.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Presidential designee
4 shall implement the plan—

5 (1) for a trial group of voters in participating
6 States for elections for Federal office held in 2024;
7 and

8 (2) for all such voters in participating States
9 for elections for Federal office held in 2026 and any
10 succeeding year.

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