



HOUSE BILL 6: Uniformed Heroes Voting Act.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 28, 2023
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 6 would provide that no voter who is a law enforcement officer, first responder, correctional officer, or member of the military may be refused entry into a voting place due to appearing at the voting place in a required uniform.*

CURRENT LAW: During the time the voting place is open for voting, only the following persons are permitted inside the voting enclosure:

- A person seeking to vote in that voting place on that day, but only while in the process of voting or seeking to vote.
- Election officials, appointed observers, and appointed runners.
- A registered voter from that precinct while entering or explaining a challenge.
- A person authorized to assist a voter, but only while assisting that voter.
- Minor children of the voter under the age of 18, or minor children under the age of 18 in the care of the voter, but only while accompanying the voter and while under the control of the voter.
- Persons conducting or participating in an approved simulated election within the voting place or voting enclosure.
- Any other person determined by election officials to have an urgent need to enter the voting enclosure, but only to the extent necessary to address that need.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would provide that any law enforcement officer, first responder, correctional officer, or member of the military seeking to vote while wearing a uniform required by his or her employer may not be refused entry into the voting place due to appearing at the voting place in uniform.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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