



HOUSE BILL 6: Uniformed Heroes Voting Act.

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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 6 would provide that no voter who is a law enforcement officer, first responder, correctional officer, probation officer, or member of the Armed Forces of the United States may be refused entry into a voting place due to appearing at the voting place in a required uniform.*

CURRENT LAW: The voting place is the building or area of the building that contains the voting enclosure. The voting enclosure is the room within the voting place that is used for voting. During the time the voting place is open for voting, only the following individuals are permitted inside the voting enclosure:

- A voter 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 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 PCS would provide that no law enforcement officer, first responder, correctional officer, probation officer, or member of the military seeking to vote while wearing a uniform required by his or her employer may be refused entry into the voting place due to appearing in that uniform.

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

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