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H. R. 2694

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance protections regarding voter registration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DENT, Mr. HENSARLING, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. DUNN, and Mr. PETERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. VOTER REGISTRATION.**

4 Section 705 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
5 (50 U.S.C. 4025(a)), is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subsection:

7 “(c) REGISTRATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of voting
9 for any Federal office (as defined in section 30101

1 of title 52, United States Code) or a State or local
2 office, a servicemember who registers to vote in a
3 State in which the servicemember is present in com-
4 pliance with military orders for a permanent change
5 of station shall not, solely by reason of that registra-
6 tion—

7 “(A) be deemed to have acquired a resi-
8 dence or domicile in that State;

9 “(B) be deemed to have become a resident
10 in or a resident of that State; or

11 “(C) be deemed to have lost a residence or
12 domicile in any other State, without regard to
13 whether or not the person intends to return to
14 that State.

15 “(2) NOTIFICATION BY THE SERVICEMEM-
16 BER.—A servicemember who elects to register to
17 vote in the State in which the servicemember is
18 present in compliance with military orders for a per-
19 manent change of station shall notify the Service
20 Voting Action Officer of the military department
21 concerned not later than 10 days after such registra-
22 tion.

23 “(3) NOTIFICATION BY THE SERVICE VOTING
24 ACTION OFFICER.—A Service Voting Action Officer
25 who receives a notification under paragraph (2) shall

1 notify the chief State election official of the State in
2 which the servicemember resides or is domiciled of
3 such registration not later than 10 days after such
4 registration.”.

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