

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

23

OFFERED BY MRS. DAVIS OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end of subtitle G of title V the following new section:

1 **SEC. 575. ABSENTEE BALLOT TRACKING PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PRO-
3 GRAM.—Section 102(h) of the Uniformed and Overseas
4 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20302(h)) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(h) ABSENTEE BALLOT TRACKING PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT AND OPER-
8 ATION OF PROGRAM.—The chief State election offi-
9 cial, in coordination with local election jurisdictions,
10 shall establish and operate an absentee ballot track-
11 ing program described in paragraph (2) for the use
12 of absent uniformed services voters and overseas vot-
13 ers.

14 “(2) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—

15 “(A) INFORMATION ON TRANSMISSION AND
16 RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—An absentee
17 ballot tracking program described in this para-
18 graph is a program under which—

1 “(i) the State or local election official
2 responsible for the transmission of absen-
3 tee ballots in an election for Federal office
4 operates procedures to track and confirm
5 the transmission of such ballots and to
6 make information on the transmission of
7 such a ballot available by means of online
8 access using the Internet site of the offi-
9 cial’s office; and

10 “(ii) the State or local election official
11 responsible for the receipt of absentee bal-
12 lots in an election for Federal office oper-
13 ates procedures to track and confirm the
14 receipt of such ballots and (subject to sub-
15 paragraph (B)) to make information on
16 the receipt of such a ballot available by
17 means of online access using the Internet
18 site of the official’s office.

19 “(B) SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON RECEIPT
20 OF VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—The informa-
21 tion required to be made available under clause
22 (ii) of subparagraph (A) with respect to the re-
23 ceipt of a voted absentee ballot in an election
24 for Federal office shall include information re-
25 garding whether the vote cast on the ballot was

1 counted, and, in the case of a vote which was
2 not counted, the reasons therefor. The appro-
3 priate State or local election official shall make
4 the information described in the previous sen-
5 tence available during the 30-day period that
6 begins on the date on which the results of the
7 election are certified, or during such earlier 30-
8 day period as the official may provide.

9 “(3) USE OF TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER
10 BY OFFICIALS WITHOUT INTERNET SITE.—A pro-
11 gram established and operated by a State or local
12 election official whose office does not have an Inter-
13 net site may meet the requirements of paragraph (2)
14 if the official has established and operates a toll-free
15 telephone number that may be used to obtain the in-
16 formation on the transmission or receipt of the ab-
17 sentee ballot which is required under such para-
18 graph.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections held
21 during 2018 or any succeeding year.

