

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909
(RULES COMM. PRINT 114-51)
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Add at the end of subtitle H of title V the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . 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) IN GENERAL.—An absentee ballot
16 tracking program described in this paragraph is
17 a program to track and confirm the receipt of
18 absentee ballots in an election for Federal office

1 under which the State or local election official
2 responsible for the receipt of voted absentee
3 ballots in the election operates procedures to
4 track and confirm the receipt of such ballots
5 and to make information on the receipt of such
6 ballots available to the individual who cast the
7 ballot (or to another individual designated by
8 such individual) by means of online access
9 using the Internet site of the official's office.

10 “(B) INFORMATION ON WHETHER VOTE
11 WAS COUNTED.—The information required to
12 be made available under subparagraph (A) with
13 respect to the receipt of an absentee ballot shall
14 include information regarding whether the vote
15 cast on the ballot was counted, and, in the case
16 of a vote which was not counted, the reasons
17 therefor.

18 “(3) USE OF TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER
19 BY OFFICIALS WITHOUT INTERNET SITE.—A pro-
20 gram established and operated by a State or local
21 election official whose office does not have an Inter-
22 net site may meet the requirements of paragraph (2)
23 if the official has established and operates a toll-free
24 telephone number that may be used by an individual
25 who cast an absentee ballot (or by another individual

1 designated by such individual) to obtain the informa-
2 tion on the receipt of the voted absentee ballot which
3 is required under such paragraph.”.

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

