

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle E of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10___. BRIEFING ON PROTECTING FREE AND FAIR**
2 **ELECTIONS.**

3 Not later than August 1, 2026, the Secretary of De-
4 fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
5 of the Senate and House of Representatives a briefing on
6 the policy, training, and coordination efforts of the De-
7 partment of Defense related to the maintenance of free
8 and fair elections during the November 1, 2026, Federal
9 election, including efforts that ensure that eligible voters
10 are able to cast ballots free from intimidation, coercion,
11 and undue interference and to preserve the neutrality of
12 the Armed Forces and the clear separation between mili-
13 tary authority and civilian election administration. Such
14 briefing shall include each of the following:

15 (1) A summary of Department guidance regard-
16 ing compliance with all applicable laws governing the
17 role of the Armed Forces in domestic election-related

1 activities, including restrictions on the deployment of
2 Federal troops at polling locations.

3 (2) A description of training and oversight
4 measures provided to members of the Armed Forces
5 concerning election-related activities and civilian
6 interactions.

7 (3) A summary of coordination between the De-
8 partment of Defense and other Federal, State, and
9 local authorities regarding election security planning
10 and support activities.

11 (4) A description of any additional measures
12 the Department is taking to maintain public con-
13 fidence in the neutrality of the Armed Forces during
14 the 2026 Federal election cycle.

