

**(c) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Absent overseas uniformed services voter**

The term “absent overseas uniformed services voter” has the meaning given such term in section 20304(d) of this title.

**(2) Presidential designee**

The term “Presidential designee” means the Presidential designee under section 20301(a) of this title.

**(3) Relevant committees of Congress defined**

The term “relevant committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Rules and Administration of the Senate; and

(B) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 99-410, title I, §105A, as added Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title V, §586, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2331; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title V, §595, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3666.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(C), is Pub. L. 99-410, Aug. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 924, known as the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1973ff-4a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, §595(a), (b)(1), in heading, substituted “Biennial report” for “Annual report” and, in introductory provisions, substituted “September 30 of each odd-numbered year” for “March 31 of each year” and “the following information with respect to the Federal elections held during the preceding calendar year” for “the following information”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 116-283, §595(b)(2), substituted “A description” for “In the case of a report submitted under this subsection in the year following a year in which a regularly scheduled general election for Federal office is held, a description”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective Dec. 31, 2021, of provisions in subsec. (b) of this section requiring submittal of annual report to Congress, see section 1061 of Pub. L. 114-328, set out as a note under section 111 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

**§ 20309. Effect on certain other laws**

The exercise of any right under this chapter shall not affect, for purposes of any Federal, State, or local tax, the residence or domicile of a person exercising such right.

(Pub. L. 99-410, title I, §106, Aug. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 927.)

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## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1973ff-5 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**§ 20310. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) “absent uniformed services voter” means—

(A) a member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of such active duty, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote;

(B) a member of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote; and

(C) a spouse or dependent of a member referred to in subparagraph (A) or (B) who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote;

(2) “balloting materials” means official post card forms (prescribed under section 20301 of this title), Federal write-in absentee ballots (prescribed under section 20303 of this title), and any State balloting materials that, as determined by the Presidential designee, are essential to the carrying out of this chapter;

(3) “Federal office” means the office of President or Vice President, or of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;

(4) “member of the merchant marine” means an individual (other than a member of a uniformed service or an individual employed, enrolled, or maintained on the Great Lakes or the inland waterways)—

(A) employed as an officer or crew member of a vessel documented under the laws of the United States, or a vessel owned by the United States, or a vessel of foreign-flag registry under charter to or control of the United States; or

(B) enrolled with the United States for employment or training for employment, or maintained by the United States for emergency relief service, as an officer or crew member of any such vessel;

(5) “overseas voter” means—

(A) an absent uniformed services voter who, by reason of active duty or service is absent from the United States on the date of the election involved;

(B) a person who resides outside the United States and is qualified to vote in the last place in which the person was domiciled before leaving the United States; or

(C) a person who resides outside the United States and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in the last place in which the person was domiciled before leaving the United States.

(6) “State” means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa;