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**S. C. R. No. 21**

**Senator Husted**

**Cosponsors: Senators Wagoner, Goodman, Patton, Jones, Widener,  
Schaffer, Stewart, Grendell, Buehrer, Seitz, Cates**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To memorialize Congress to ensure military and 1  
overseas voters have the opportunity to vote and 2  
register to vote. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The right to vote is a fundamental right; and 4

WHEREAS, Because of logistical, geographical, operational, 5  
and environmental barriers, military and overseas voters are 6  
burdened by many obstacles that negatively impact their right to 7  
vote and register to vote; and 8

WHEREAS, Local, state, and federal government entities 9  
involved with getting ballots to military and overseas voters must 10  
work in conjunction to provide voter registration services and 11  
balloting materials in a secure and expeditious manner; and 12

WHEREAS, Improvements are needed to facilitate the ability of 13  
military and overseas voters to register to vote and have their 14  
ballots cast and counted, especially with respect to timing and 15  
improvement of military and overseas absentee voter registration 16  
and absentee balloting procedures; now therefore be it 17

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 128th General Assembly 18

of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to 19  
support legislation that better facilitates the ability of 20  
military and overseas voters to register to vote and have their 21  
ballots counted by expanding the amount of time ballots are 22  
available to military and overseas voters, providing for the 23  
electronic transmission of blank ballots to military and overseas 24  
voters, and ensuring that voting information and resources are 25  
available at all overseas military installations and through the 26  
development of online information portals; and be it further 27

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 28  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk 29  
of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro 30  
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of 31  
the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 32