Summary

This resolution aims to point out flaws in the military voting “MOVE ACT” passed by Congress in 2009 so that military ballots are delivered home in the shortest possible time.

Resolution

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance that the ballots of those who serve overseas in our nation’s military have their ballots delivered home to the polling place in the shortest possible time.

WHEREAS, The MOVE ACT does not provide for open competition among express mail providers, but instead grants a monopoly to just one such provider.

WHEREAS, The MOVE ACT provides guaranteed delivery of ballots mailed within 7 days of a general election, when a shorter delivery time would likely be possible with open competition.

WHEREAS, ALEC has previously endorsed the concept of express mail delivery with guaranteed delivery by the close of the polls on election day for overseas military ballots delivered just 4 days before a general election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ALEC urges Congress to modify the MOVE ACT to provide open competition among express mail providers and to guarantee delivery of ballots mailed 4 days before the general election, except where the Secretary of Defense has certified that extraordinary circumstances warrant an exception.

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