A Few Facts about

**THE UNIFORM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS ACT**

**PURPOSE:** The Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act simplifies the process of absentee voting for United States military and overseas civilians by making the process more uniform, convenient, secure, and efficient. The Act covers all military personnel or their dependents, as well as U.S. citizens residing outside the United States who are unable to vote in-person. This latter category includes a class of voters not covered by the federal law in this area: U.S. citizens born overseas who have reached voting age without having resided in the United States. The Act applies to all statewide and local elections, as well as to all federal elections, both primary and general (and also special and run-off elections).

**ORIGIN:** Completed by the Uniform Law Commission in 2010.

**APPROVED BY:** American Bar Association

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