



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 21A - UNIFORM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS ACT

N.C.G.S. § 163-258.2.

Definitions.

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As used in this Article:

"Covered voter" means any of the following:

- a.A uniformed-service voter or an overseas voter who is registered to vote in this State.
- b.A uniformed-service voter defined in subdivision (7) of this section whose voting residence is in this State and who otherwise satisfies this State's voter eligibility requirements.
- c.An overseas voter who, before leaving the United States, was last eligible to vote in this State and, except for a State residency requirement, otherwise satisfies this State's voter eligibility requirements.
- d.An overseas voter who, before leaving the United States, would have been last eligible to vote in this State had the voter then been of voting age and, except for a State residency requirement, otherwise satisfies this State's voter eligibility requirements.
- e.An overseas voter who was born outside the United States, is not described in sub-subdivision c. or d. of this subdivision, and, except for a State residency requirement, otherwise satisfies this State's voter eligibility requirements, if:
 - 1.The last place where a parent or legal guardian of the voter was, or under this Article would have been, eligible to vote before leaving the United States is within this State; and
 - 2.The voter has not previously registered to vote in any other state.

"Dependent" means an individual recognized as a dependent by a uniformed service.

"Military-overseas ballot" means any of the following:

- a.A federal write-in absentee ballot described in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, section 103, 42 U.S.C. §1973ff-2.

b.A ballot specifically prepared or distributed for use by a covered voter in accordance with this Article.

c.A ballot cast by a covered voter in accordance with this Article.

"Overseas voter" means a United States citizen who is outside the United States.

"State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

"Uniformed service" means any of the following:

a.Active and reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

b.The Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States.

c.The National Guard and state militia units.

"Uniformed-service voter" means an individual who is qualified to vote and is one of the following:

a.A member of the active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard who is on active duty.

b.A member of the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, or the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States.

c.A member of the National Guard or State militia unit who is on activated status.

d.A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in this subdivision.

"United States," used in the territorial sense, means the several states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. (2011-182, s. 1; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b); 2025-20, s. 2.10.)

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