



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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H.R. 282: Military Residency Choice Act

Background:

Under current law, spouses of servicemembers can maintain the same residency as their military husband or wife, even if they are relocated to another state, as long as the spouse lives in the same state as their active duty husband or wife. If two individuals are married after the servicemember has already moved from the state where they were maintaining residency, however, then that spouse cannot then maintain the same state of residency as their servicemember spouse.

The Military Residency Choice Act would amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to permit the spouse of a servicemember to elect to use the same residence as the servicemember for purposes of taxation and voting, regardless of the date that they were married.

The Message:

- Our military families make tremendous sacrifices, and we must do everything we can to support them.
- This bill would ensure that all spouses of servicemembers are able to maintain the same state of residency as their active duty husband or wife, regardless of when they were married.
- This legislation eases the burden placed on military spouses when their family is relocated.