

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit the unauthorized possession of a firearm at a Federal election site.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To prohibit the unauthorized possession of a firearm at a Federal election site.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vote Without Fear  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON UNAUTHORIZED FIREARM POS-**  
2 **SESSION AT A FEDERAL ELECTION SITE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 932. Prohibition on unauthorized firearm posses-**  
7 **sion at a Federal election site**

8 “(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), whoever  
9 knowingly possesses or causes to be present a firearm in,  
10 or within 100 yards of an entrance to, a place that the  
11 individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is a  
12 Federal election site, or attempts to do so, shall be fined  
13 under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

14 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

15 “(A) the possession of a firearm by a law en-  
16 forcement officer employed by the United States, a  
17 State, or a political subdivision thereof, or a private  
18 security guard hired or arranged for by the owner  
19 or manager of a building in which there is a Federal  
20 election site, who is authorized by law to possess a  
21 firearm and who is on duty;

22 “(B) the possession of a firearm in a vehicle  
23 within 100 yards of an entrance to a Federal elec-  
24 tion site, if the firearm is not removed from the ve-  
25 hicle or brandished while the vehicle is in, or within

1       100 yards of the entrance to, a Federal election site;  
2       or

3               “(C) the otherwise lawful possession of a fire-  
4       arm in a place of residence, in a place of business,  
5       or on private property, in or within 100 yards of an  
6       entrance to a Federal election site.

7       “(b) Whoever, with intent that a firearm be used in  
8       the commission of a crime, knowingly possesses or causes  
9       to be present the firearm in, or within 100 yards of an  
10      entrance to, a place that the individual knows, or has rea-  
11      sonable cause to believe, is a Federal election site, or at-  
12      tempts to do so, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned  
13      not more than 5 years, or both.

14      “(c) A person who kills any person in the course of  
15      a violation of subsection (a) or (b), or in the course of  
16      an attack on a Federal election site, involving the use of  
17      a firearm, or attempts or conspires to do so, shall be pun-  
18      ished as provided in sections 1111, 1112, 1113, and 1117.

19      “(d) In this section, the term ‘Federal election site’  
20      means a building or any part thereof at which an employee  
21      of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision  
22      thereof is engaged in—

23               “(1) the administration of a polling place in an  
24      election for Federal office; or

1           “(2) the processing or counting of ballots cast  
2           in such an election.”.

3           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
4 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new item:

          “932. Prohibition on unauthorized firearm possession at a Federal election  
          site.”.