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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 95--Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975--this bill requires States to permit their former residents, who are now living outside the U. S., to register and vote in Federal elections.

The provisions of the bill apply to any Federal election held on or after January 1, 1976, and would: establish a national right for all voting-age U. S. citizens residing outside the United States to vote by absentee ballot in Federal elections in their State of last residence even though they have no place of abode in such State and their return is uncertain.

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