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On this date the menfolk of Switzerland will go to the polling booths to record their votes on a bill which will provide the Swiss living abroad with constitutional rights.

Both our Houses of Parliament, the National Council as well as the Council of States have given their wholehearted support and it now requires the vote of the people for this article to become law. There is little doubt that this will happen. However to show the Swiss people's understanding of a solidarity with their compatriots in foreign lands, we hope a greater percentage than usual will go to the poll.

To help a little I would like to urge all our Swiss and members of the Society to write home to their relatives and friends asking them to make sure and participate in this VOLKSABSTIMMUNG or, what is called, the 5th Switzerland (die Fuenfte Schweiz).

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