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To provide States with the authority to name post offices located in the State, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

A BILL

To provide States with the authority to name post offices located in the State, and for other purposes.

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. STATE POST OFFICE NAMING AUTHORITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 417. State post office naming authority**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A State may, in accordance with
9 this section, select the name by which any post office that
10 is located in such State will be known and designated.

1 “(b) LEGISLATION REQUIRED.—A State may exer-
2 cise the authority under subsection (a) only by legislation
3 enacted by the State.

4 “(c) REFERENCES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any reference in a law,
6 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
7 the United States to a post office for which a State
8 selects the name under subsection (a) shall be
9 deemed to be a reference to the post office as named
10 by such State.

11 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not
12 apply with respect to a Federally named post office.

13 “(d) LIMITS.—

14 “(1) FEDERALLY NAMED FACILITIES.—A State
15 may exercise the authority under subsection (a) to
16 select the name of a Federally named post office
17 only if, not later than 30 days prior to exercising
18 such authority, the legislature of such State submits
19 to Congress a notice identifying the post office for
20 which the name will be selected and the name by
21 which such post office will be known and designated.

22 “(2) FEDERAL PREEMPTION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion shall be construed to limit the authority of
25 the Federal Government to select the name by

1 which a facility of the United States Postal
2 Service, including a post office, will be known
3 and designated.

4 “(B) PREEMPTION.—A selection by the
5 Federal Government of the name by which a
6 post office will be known and designated shall
7 supercede and preempt any previous selection of
8 the name of such post office by a State under
9 subsection (a).

10 “(e) FEDERALLY NAMED POST OFFICE DEFINED.—

11 In this section, the term ‘Federally named post office’
12 means a post office—

13 “(1) for which the Federal Government selects,
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
15 name by which such post office will be known and
16 designated; and

17 “(2) with respect to which a State has not exer-
18 cised the authority under subsection (a) after the
19 latest such selection by the Federal Government.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
22 by adding at the end the following new item:

“417. State post office naming authority.”.

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