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H. R. 5658

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-
in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vote by Mail Tracking
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND POSTAL SERVICE BARCODE
5 SERVICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 39, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting after chapter 30 the following new
8 chapter:

9 **“CHAPTER 31—ELECTION MAIL**

“Sec.
“3101. Trackable election mail.

10 **“§ 3101. Trackable election mail**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No entity of government shall
12 furnish a ballot envelope for the purpose of being carried
13 or delivered by mail unless such envelope—

14 “(1) contains a Postal Service barcode (or suc-
15 cessive service or marking) that enables tracking of
16 each individual ballot consistent with parameters
17 that the Postal Service may promulgate by regula-
18 tion;

19 “(2) satisfies requirements for ballot envelope
20 design that the Postal Service may promulgate by
21 regulation;

22 “(3) satisfies requirements for machineable let-
23 ters that the Postal Service may promulgate by reg-
24 ulation; and

1 “(4) includes the Official Election Mail Logo
2 (or any successor label that the Postal Service may
3 establish for ballots).

4 “(b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
5 a Federal write-in absentee ballot under section 103 of
6 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
7 (52 U.S.C. 20303).

8 “(c) INFORMATION.—Not later than June 1 of each
9 calendar year, the Postmaster General shall provide, to the
10 entities described in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
11 of subsection (a), the information necessary to comply
12 with the requirements of this subsection, including how
13 to access Postal Service tools to assist in generating the
14 barcode or successive marking required by subsection
15 (a)(1).”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
17 for part IV of title 39, United States Code, is amended
18 by adding after the item relating to chapter 30 the fol-
19 lowing:

“31. Election Mail 3101”.

1 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
2 section (a) shall apply to any election for Federal office
3 occurring in 2026 and any succeeding year.

Passed the House of Representatives November 18,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.