

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5658

To amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. MACE, Mr. MFUME, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vote by Mail Tracking
5 Act”.

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

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3001 of title 39, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(p) Any ballot sent within the United States for an
7 election for Federal office is nonmailable and shall not be
8 carried or delivered by mail unless the ballot is mailed in
9 an envelope that—

10 “(1) contains a Postal Service barcode (or suc-
11 cessive service or marking) that enables tracking of
12 each individual ballot;

13 “(2) satisfies requirements for ballot envelope
14 design that the Postal Service may promulgate by
15 regulation;

16 “(3) satisfies requirements for machineable let-
17 ters that the Postal Service may promulgate by reg-
18 ulation; and

19 “(4) includes the Official Election Mail Logo
20 (or any successor label that the Postal Service may
21 establish for ballots).”.

22 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
23 section (a) shall apply to any election for Federal office
24 occurring after the date of enactment of this Act.