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H. R. 7803

To amend title 18, United States Code, and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for enhanced penalties for the fraudulent transmission of ballots by mail in elections for Federal office, to direct the Attorney General to establish a system for receiving reports of incidents of the fraudulent transmission of such ballots by mail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2020

Mr. MEUSER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Stop Mail-In Voter
3 Fraud Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT TRANS-**
5 **MISSION OF BALLOTS BY MAIL IN FEDERAL**
6 **ELECTIONS.**

7 (a) **PENALTIES FOR MAIL FRAUD.**—Section 1341 of
8 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “20
9 years” and inserting “20 years (or, in the case of a matter
10 or thing consisting of a ballot in an election for Federal
11 office which is placed or deposited for purposes of exe-
12 cuting a scheme or artifice involving multiple ballots, 30
13 years)”.

14 (b) **PENALTIES FOR USE OF FICTITIOUS NAME OR**
15 **ADDRESS ON BALLOT.**—Section 1343 of title 18, United
16 States Code, is amended by striking “five years” and in-
17 serting “five years (or, in the case of mail matter con-
18 sisting of a ballot in an election for Federal office which
19 is transmitted for purposes of executing a scheme or arti-
20 fice involving multiple ballots, 10 years)”.

21 (c) **PENALTIES FOR TRANSMISSION OF FRAUDULENT**
22 **BALLOTS.**—Section 12 of the National Voter Registration
23 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20511) is amended by striking
24 “five years” and inserting “five years (or, in the case of
25 activity described in paragraph (2)(B) which involves the
26 transmission of multiple ballots by mail, 10 years)”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORTING SYSTEM FOR INCIDENTS OF FRAUDU-**
2 **LENT TRANSMISSION OF BALLOTS BY MAIL**
3 **IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.**

4 (a) **REPORTING SYSTEM.**—The Attorney General
5 shall establish a system through which persons may report
6 incidents involving the fraudulent transmission of ballots
7 by mail in elections for Federal office, including through
8 a toll-free hotline and a confidential online portal.

9 (b) **DEADLINE.**—The Attorney General shall estab-
10 lish the system under subsection (a) not later than 30 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 4. ENSURING PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO STATE**
13 **ELECTION OFFICIALS ON INDIVIDUALS**
14 **RECUSED FROM JURY SERVICE ON GROUNDS**
15 **OF NONCITIZENSHIP.**

16 (a) **REQUIRING STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS TO CO-**
17 **ORDINATE INFORMATION ON RECUSAL AS PART OF MAIN-**
18 **TENANCE OF STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST.**—
19 Subparagraph (A) of section 303(a)(2) of the Help Amer-
20 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083(a)(2)) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (1) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv);
23 and

24 (2) by inserting after clause (ii) the following
25 new clause:

1 “(iii) For purposes of removing names
2 of ineligible voters from the official list of
3 eligible voters by reason of citizenship sta-
4 tus, the State shall coordinate the comput-
5 erized list with records of courts which
6 have recused individuals from serving on a
7 jury on the grounds that the individuals
8 are not citizens of the United States.”.

9 (b) REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BY COURTS.—

10 (1) REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—If a United
11 States district court or a court of any State or local
12 jurisdiction recuses an individual from serving on a
13 jury on the grounds that the individual is not a cit-
14 izen of the United States, the court shall transmit
15 a notice of the individual’s recusal—

16 (A) to the chief State election official of
17 the State in which the individual resides; and

18 (B) to the Attorney General.

19 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
20 section—

21 (A) the “chief State election official” of a
22 State is the individual designated by the State
23 under section 10 of the National Voter Reg-
24 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20509) to be

1 responsible for coordination of the State's re-
2 sponsibilities under such Act; and

3 (B) the term "State" means each of the
4 several States, the District of Columbia, the
5 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American
6 Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Is-
7 lands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
8 Mariana Islands.

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