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H. R. 7874

To prohibit a State from distributing unsolicited ballots for voting by mail
in any election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. FINE, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, and Mrs. LUNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To prohibit a State from distributing unsolicited ballots for
voting by mail in any election for Federal office, 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 “Mail Ballot Integrity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON UNSOLICITED MAIL-IN BALLOTS**

7 **AND LIMITATION ON ELIGIBLE REQUESTS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION ON UNSOLICITED MAIL-IN BAL-
9 LOTS.—No State or political subdivision of a State may

1 send, distribute, or otherwise provide a ballot to vote by
2 mail in an election for Federal office to any individual who
3 does not request the State or political subdivision of such
4 State to provide the ballot.

5 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR MAIL-IN VOTING IN FED-
6 ERAL ELECTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law, a State shall not issue or transmit a ballot for
8 voting by mail to any individual in the State in an election
9 for Federal office held in the State unless each of the fol-
10 lowing conditions are met:

11 (1) REQUEST REQUIRED.—The individual sub-
12 mits (in person, by mail, or electronically) a written
13 or electronic request for the ballot that includes an
14 affirmation, under penalty of perjury, that the indi-
15 vidual meets one or more of the eligibility criteria
16 under paragraph (2).

17 (2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—An individual who
18 is on the official list of eligible voters in an election
19 for Federal office in a State is eligible to request
20 and receive a mail-in ballot for a Federal election in
21 the State only if the individual—

22 (A) is a member of the uniformed services
23 (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United
24 States Code) on active duty, or the spouse or
25 dependent of such a member;

1 (B) is a student, instructor, or professor at
2 an institution of higher education located out-
3 side the county in which the voter is registered
4 to vote and resides outside that county by rea-
5 son thereof, or is the spouse or dependent ac-
6 companying and residing with such individual;

7 (C) is a minister, priest, rabbi, or other
8 member of the clergy assigned to a religious
9 post outside the county of registration, or is the
10 spouse or dependent accompanying and residing
11 with such individual;

12 (D) expects to be temporarily absent from
13 the county in which the voter is registered to
14 vote during the early voting period and on elec-
15 tion day;

16 (E) after the close of voter registration,
17 has moved residence to another county more
18 than 100 miles from the county seat of the
19 former residence;

20 (F) is involuntarily confined in an institu-
21 tion for mental treatment outside the county of
22 registration and is not interdicted or judicially
23 declared incompetent;

24 (G) resides outside the United States;

1 (H) expects to be hospitalized on election
2 day and did not have knowledge of the hos-
3 pitalization until after the time for early voting
4 expired (or was hospitalized during early voting,
5 or is restricted to bed by a physician during
6 early voting and on election day);

7 (I) meets the criteria for participation in a
8 former State program for voters with disabil-
9 ities in any State that has such a program;

10 (J) is incarcerated in an institution inside
11 or outside the county of registration but is not
12 serving a sentence for a felony conviction;

13 (K) is a participant in a State address con-
14 fidentiality program;

15 (L) has a disability and submits docu-
16 mentation with respect to—

17 (i) a current mobility impairment
18 identification card with photograph and
19 international symbol of accessibility;

20 (ii) current documentation of eligi-
21 bility for Social Security disability benefits,
22 veterans disability benefits, paratransit
23 services, benefits from a State office for
24 citizens with developmental disabilities, or

1 benefits from State rehabilitation services;
2 or
3 (iii) current proof of disability from a
4 physician, optometrist, physician assistant,
5 or nurse practitioner; or
6 (M) has attained the age of 65 years or
7 older.

8 (c) NO PERMANENT OR AUTOMATIC MAIL-IN LISTS
9 FOR UNQUALIFIED VOTERS.—A State may maintain a list
10 of voters who have previously qualified for and requested
11 mail-in ballots in an election for Federal office in the
12 State, but only with respect to voters who continue to meet
13 one or more of the criteria described under subsection
14 (b)(2) as determined under State law.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
16 respect to elections for Federal office occurring on and
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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