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To amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to distribute the Federal Register to Congressional offices only in an electronic format, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. ROKITA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nonessential Govern-
5 ment Printing Reduction Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY USE OF ELECTRONIC FORMAT FOR**
2 **DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL REGISTER TO**
3 **CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES.**

4 (a) MANDATORY USE.—Section 1506 of title 44,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “The Administrative Com-
7 mittee” and inserting “(a) COMPOSITION; DUTIES.—
8 The Administrative Committee”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “the num-
10 ber of copies” and inserting “subject to subsection
11 (b), the number of copies”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(b) MANDATORY USE OF ELECTRONIC FORMAT FOR
15 DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL REGISTER TO CONGRES-
16 SIONAL OFFICES.—

17 “(1) PROHIBITING SUBSCRIPTION TO PRINTED
18 COPIES WITHOUT REQUEST.—Under the regulations
19 prescribed to carry out subsection (a)(4), except as
20 provided in paragraph (2), the Director of the Gov-
21 ernment Publishing Office shall make the Federal
22 Register available to any office of Congress only in
23 an electronic format, and may not print or distribute
24 a copy of the Federal Register for an office of Con-
25 gress during a year unless—

1 “(A) the office requests a printed copy of
2 a specific issue of the Federal Register; and

3 “(B) the office reimburses the Director for
4 the costs of printing and distributing the copy
5 for the office.

6 “(2) SUBSCRIPTIONS PERMITTED.—The Direc-
7 tor may provide a printed copy of all issues of the
8 Federal Register for a year to an office of Congress
9 if the office enters into a subscription agreement
10 with the Director under which the office will pay the
11 Director in advance for the costs the Director will
12 incur during the year for printing and distributing
13 such issues to the office (as determined by the Di-
14 rector in consultation with the Administrative Com-
15 mittee).

16 “(3) SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR COPIES PROVIDED
17 TO OFFICES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—In the
18 case of an office of Congress which is—

19 “(A) an office of a Member of the House
20 of Representatives (including an office of a Del-
21 egate or Resident Commissioner to the Con-
22 gress), any amounts paid by the office to the
23 Director under this subsection shall be derived
24 from the Members’ Representational Allowance
25 for the office; or

1 “(B) an office of a Senator, any amounts
2 paid by the office to the Director under this
3 subsection shall be derived from the Senators’
4 Official Personnel and Office Expense Account
5 for the office.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
7 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to issues of the
8 Federal Register produced on or after the first day of the
9 One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

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