

Public Law 94-177
94th Congress

An Act

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Former Members
of Congress.
Franking
privileges.

To amend title 39, United States Code, to prohibit certain franked mailings by Members of the Congress and certain officers of the United States, other than mailings related to the closing of their official business, after such Members or officers have left office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 3210(b) (1) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out “and” immediately before “each”; and

(2) by striking out “until the 1st day of April following the expiration of their respective terms of office.”.

(b) Section 3210(b) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(3) The Vice President, each Member of Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, and each of the elected officers of the House (other than a Member of the House), during the 90-day period immediately following the date on which they leave office, may send, as franked mail, matter on official business relating to the closing of their respective offices. The House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards and the Select Committee on Standards and Conduct of the Senate shall prescribe for their respective Houses such rules and regulations, and shall take such other action as the Commission or Committee considers necessary and proper, to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.”.

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SENATE REPORT No. 94-538 (Comm. on Post Office and Civil Service).

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