

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7960

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for enhanced penalties for the transmission of fraudulent ballots in elections for Federal office through the use of post offices, authorized depositories of mail matter, or ballot drop boxes, to direct the Attorney General to establish a system for receiving reports of incidents of the transmission of such fraudulent ballots through such methods, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2024

Mr. MEUSER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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## 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; FINDINGS.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Ballot Drop  
3 Box and Mail Fraud Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR TRANSMISSION OF**  
5 **FRAUDULENT BALLOTS IN FEDERAL ELEC-**  
6 **TIONS THROUGH USE OF BALLOT DROP**  
7 **BOXES OR MAIL.**

8 Section 12 of the National Voter Registration Act of  
9 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20511) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “A person” and inserting “(a)  
11 IN GENERAL.—A person”; and

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

14 “(b) ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES IN-  
15 VOLVING USE OF BALLOT DROP BOXES OR MAIL.—A  
16 person who, in any election for Federal office, uses a post  
17 office, authorized depository of mail matter, or drop box  
18 which is provided by an election official for the collection  
19 of voted ballots to knowingly and willfully transmit a voted  
20 ballot that is known by the person to be materially false,  
21 fictitious, or fraudulent under the laws of the State in  
22 which the election is held, shall be fined in accordance with  
23 title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than  
24 20 years plus one additional year for each such ballot the  
25 person transmits, or both.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORTING SYSTEM FOR INCIDENTS OF TRANS-**  
2 **MISSION OF FRAUDULENT BALLOTS IN FED-**  
3 **ERAL ELECTIONS THROUGH USE OF BALLOT**  
4 **DROP BOXES OR MAIL.**

5 (a) **REPORTING SYSTEM.**—The Attorney General  
6 shall establish a system through which persons may report  
7 incidents involving the transmission of fraudulent ballots  
8 in elections for Federal office through the use of a post  
9 office, authorized depository of mail matter, or drop box  
10 which is provided by an election official for the collection  
11 of voted ballots, including reports made through a toll-free  
12 hotline and a confidential online portal.

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

16 **SEC. 4. ENSURING PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO STATE**  
17 **ELECTION OFFICIALS ON INDIVIDUALS**  
18 **RECUSED FROM JURY SERVICE ON GROUNDS**  
19 **OF NONCITIZENSHIP.**

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

1           (1) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv);  
2           and

3           (2) by inserting after clause (ii) the following  
4           new clause:

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

13           (b) REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BY COURTS.—

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

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

22                                 (B) to the Attorney General.

23                       (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
24                       section—

1           (A) the “chief State election official” of a  
2 State is the individual designated by the State  
3 under section 10 of the National Voter Reg-  
4 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20509) to be  
5 responsible for coordination of the State’s re-  
6 sponsibilities under such Act; and

7           (B) the term “State” means each of the  
8 several States, the District of Columbia, the  
9 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American  
10 Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Is-  
11 lands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern  
12 Mariana Islands.

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