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115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 194

[Report No. 115-66]

To ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. RUSSELL (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

MARCH 29, 2017

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Federal Agency Mail
5 Management Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECORD MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 9 of the Presidential and
8 Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014 (44 U.S.C. 101
9 note) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by amending paragraph

11 (3) to read as follows:

12 “(3) in paragraph (7), by striking ‘the Adminis-
13 trator or the Archivist’ and inserting ‘the Archivist
14 or the Administrator.’”;

15 (2) in subsection (c)—

16 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
17 follows:

18 “(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(a) The Archivist shall provide guidance and assist-
21 ance to Federal agencies with respect to ensuring—

22 “(1) economical and effective records manage-
23 ment;

1 “(2) adequate and proper documentation of
2 the policies and transactions of the Federal Govern-
3 ment; and

4 “(3) proper records disposition.’”;

5 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
6 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

7 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1), the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(2) in subsection (b), by striking ‘effective
10 records management by such agencies’ and inserting
11 ‘effective processing of mail by Federal agencies’”;

12 (D) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

13 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-
14 ing “‘subsections (a) and (b)’” and insert-
15 ing “‘subsection (a)’”; and

16 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
17 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

18 (E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated,
19 by striking the period at the end and inserting
20 “; and”; and

21 (F) by inserting at the end the following
22 new paragraph:

23 “(5) by inserting at the end the following new
24 subsection:

1 “(e) The Administrator, in carrying out subsection
2 (b), shall have the responsibility to promote economy and
3 efficiency in the selection and utilization of space, staff,
4 equipment, and supplies for processing mail at Federal fa-
5 cilities.’.”;

6 (3) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”
8 at the end and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by inserting at the end the following
12 new paragraph:

13 “(3) by inserting at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(e) The Administrator (or the Administrator’s des-
16 ignee) may inspect the mail processing practices and pro-
17 grams of any Federal agency for the purpose of rendering
18 recommendations for the improvement of mail processing
19 practices and programs. Officers and employees of such
20 agencies shall cooperate fully in such inspections of mail
21 processing practices and programs.’.”;

22 (4) by striking subsection (f); and

23 (5) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
24 section (f).

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect as if included in the Presi-
3 dential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014
4 (Public Law 113–187).

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