

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7265
OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vote by Mail Tracking
3 Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND POSTAL SERVICE BARCODE
5 SERVICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 39, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting after chapter 30 the following new
8 chapter:

9 **“CHAPTER 31—ELECTION MAIL**

“Sec.
“3101. Trackable election mail.

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11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No entity of government shall
12 furnish a ballot envelope for the purpose of being carried
13 or delivered by mail unless such envelope—

14 “(1) contains a Postal Service barcode (or suc-
15 cessive service or marking) that enables tracking of
16 each individual ballot consistent with parameters

1 that the Postal Service may promulgate by regula-
2 tion;

3 “(2) satisfies requirements for ballot envelope
4 design that the Postal Service may promulgate by
5 regulation;

6 “(3) satisfies requirements for machineable let-
7 ters that the Postal Service may promulgate by reg-
8 ulation; and

9 “(4) includes the Official Election Mail Logo
10 (or any successor label that the Postal Service may
11 establish for ballots).

12 “(b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
13 a Federal write-in absentee ballot under section 103 of
14 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
15 (52 U.S.C. 20303).

16 “(c) INFORMATION.—Not later than June 1 of each
17 calendar year, the Postmaster General shall provide, to the
18 entities described in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
19 of subsection (a), the information necessary to comply
20 with the requirements of this subsection, including how
21 to access Postal Service tools to assist in generating the
22 barcode or successive marking required by subsection
23 (a)(1).”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
25 for part IV of title 39, United States Code, is amended

1 by adding after the item relating to chapter 30 the fol-
2 lowing:

“**31. Election Mail** **3101**”.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
4 section (a) shall apply to any election for Federal office
5 occurring in 2026 and any succeeding year.

