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Vote By Mail Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Jan 3, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/26>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Aug 3, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 92	Related bill	<b>Jan 3, 2019:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.
116 HR 138	Related bill	<b>Jan 3, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

## Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

### Vote by Mail Act of 2019

This bill requires states to allow voting in federal elections to be by mail without additional conditions or requirements, except a deadline for returning the ballot.

States must mail ballots to individuals registered to vote in a federal election not later than two weeks before the election. The U.S. Postal Service must carry ballots mailed by a state expeditiously and free of postage.

This bill authorizes automatic voter registration of individuals through state motor vehicle authorities.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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