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Vote By Mail Act of 2019

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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	Jan 3, 2019: 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	Jan 3, 2019: 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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