



IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27th, 2021

Mr. BUTTERSON (for himself, Mr. KINZINGER, Mrs. KELLY)
introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To provide that the United States Postal Service shall maintain postal service to rural areas, and
for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rural Service Preservation Act”.

SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

For the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this section, the United States Postal Service shall continue the rural delivery of mail at not less than the level provided as of such date.

SEC. 3. EMPLOYEE BUY-OUTS AND RURAL POST OFFICE CLOSINGS.

(a) Buy-Outs.—During the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this section, not more than 10 percent of the total number of buy-outs offered (if any) by the Postal Service to Postal Service employees shall be made to such employees that work in rural post offices.

(b) Rural Post Office Closings.—During the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this section, not more than 10 percent of the total number of the post offices closed or consolidated (if any) pursuant to section 404 of title 39, United States Code, shall be rural post offices.

(c) Definitions.—For purposes of this section:

(1) POSTAL SERVICE.—The term “Postal Service” has the meaning given in section 102(1) of title 39, United States Code.

(2) RURAL POST OFFICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A post office shall be considered to be a rural post office if such post office is located in an area, as set forth in the most recent decennial census by the Bureau of the Census, which is located within a town, village, or city—

(i) that has a population not exceeding 10,000 inhabitants; and

(ii) is not contiguous or adjacent to a town, village, or city that has a population that is greater than 150,000 inhabitants or an urbanized area of such town, village, or city.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “urbanized area” means a densely populated territory, as defined in the most recent decennial census by the Bureau of the Census.