



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 678
Postmasters Equity Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on June 17, 2003*

S. 678 would afford postmasters of the U.S. Postal Service the same rights as postal supervisors regarding the negotiation of pay, benefits, and other personnel issues. Based on information from the Postal Service about its current treatment of postmasters, CBO estimates that implementing the bill's provisions would lead to an insignificant change in the agency's net cost. (Cash flows of the Postal Service are classified as off-budget.) The legislation would not affect revenues.

S. 678 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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