



Election Fake Videos Act

HB 15 - SB 21x

Bill Text

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the creation of a criminal offense for fabricating a deceptive video with intent to influence the outcome of an election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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SECTION 1. Section 255.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) A person commits an offense if the person, with intent to injure a candidate or influence the result of an election:

(1) creates a deep fake video; and

(2) causes the deep fake video to be published or distributed within 30 days of an election.

(e) In this section, "deep fake video" means a video, created with the intent to deceive, that appears to depict a real person performing an action that did not occur in reality.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2020.