

Bill No. CS for SB 2086

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The Committee on Judiciary (Campbell) recommended the following **amendment to amendment** (912202):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 126, between lines 20 and 21,

insert:

Section 76. Effective July 1, 2005, section 104.0615, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

104.0615 Voter intimidation or suppression prohibited; criminal penalties.--

(1) This section may be cited as the "Voter Protection Act."

(2) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten to use force, violence, or intimidation or any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel an individual to:

(a) Vote or refrain from voting;

(b) Vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual or ballot measure;

(c) Refrain from registering to vote; or

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1 (d) Refrain from acting as a legally authorized
2 election official or poll watcher.

3 (3) A person may not knowingly use false information
4 to:

5 (a) Challenge an individual's right to vote;

6 (b) Induce or attempt to induce an individual to
7 refrain from voting or registering to vote; or

8 (c) Induce or attempt to induce an individual to
9 refrain from acting as a legally authorized election official
10 or poll watcher.

11 (4) A person may not knowingly destroy, mutilate, or
12 deface a voter registration form or election ballot or
13 obstruct or delay the delivery of a voter registration form or
14 election ballot.

15 (5) A person who violates subsection (2), subsection
16 (3), or subsection (4) commits a felony of the third degree,
17 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
18 775.084.

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20 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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23 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 136, line 14, after the semicolon,

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27 insert:

28 creating s. 104.0615, F.S.; providing a short

29 title; prohibiting a person from using or

30 threatening to use force, violence, or

31 intimidation to induce or compel an individual

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1 to vote or refrain from voting, to refrain from
2 registering to vote, or to refrain from acting
3 as an election official or poll watcher;
4 prohibiting a person from knowingly using false
5 information to challenge an individual's right
6 to vote, to induce an individual to refrain
7 from registering to vote, or to induce or
8 attempt to induce an individual to refrain from
9 acting as an election official or poll watcher;
10 prohibiting a person from knowingly destroying,
11 mutilating, or defacing a voter registration
12 form or election ballot or obstructing or
13 delaying the delivery of a voter registration
14 form or election ballot; providing criminal
15 penalties;

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