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The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development  
Appropriations (Hill) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 79, between lines 19 and 20,

insert:

Section 47. Section 104.0615, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

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

(1) This section shall 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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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25           On page 1, line 11, 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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