Florida Senate - 2005

By Senator Hill

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to voter intimidation; creating
3	s. 104.0615, F.S.; providing a short title;
4	prohibiting a person from using or threatening
5	to use force, violence, or intimidation to
б	induce or compel an individual to vote or
7	refrain from voting, to refrain from
8	registering to vote, or to refrain from acting
9	as an election official or poll watcher;
10	prohibiting a person from knowingly using false
11	information to challenge an individual's right
12	to vote, to induce an individual to refrain
13	from registering to vote, or to induce or
14	attempt to induce an individual to refrain from
15	acting as an election official or poll watcher;
16	prohibiting a person from knowingly destroying,
17	mutilating, or defacing a voter registration
18	form or election ballot or obstructing or
19	delaying the delivery of a voter registration
20	form or election ballot; providing criminal
21	penalties; providing an effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Section 104.0615, Florida Statutes, is
26	created to read:
27	104.0615 Voter intimidation or suppression prohibited;
28	criminal penalties
29	(1) This section shall be cited as the "Voter
30	Protection Act."
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1 (2) A person may not directly or indirectly use or 2 threaten to use force, violence, or intimidation or any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel an individual 3 4 to: 5 (a) Vote or refrain from voting; б (b) Vote or refrain from voting for any particular 7 individual or ballot measure; (c) Refrain from registering to vote; or 8 9 (d) Refrain from acting as a legally authorized election official or poll watcher. 10 (3) A person may not knowingly use false information 11 12 to: 13 (a) Challenge an individual's right to vote; (b) Induce or attempt to induce an individual to 14 refrain from voting or registering to vote; or 15 (c) Induce or attempt to induce an individual to 16 17 refrain from acting as a legally authorized election official 18 or poll watcher. 19 (4) A person may not knowingly destroy, mutilate, or deface a voter registration form or election ballot or 2.0 21 obstruct or delay the delivery of a voter registration form or 22 election ballot. 23 (5) A person who violates subsection (2) commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 2.4 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who violates 25 subsection (3) or subsection (4) commits a felony of the third 26 27 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or 2.8 s. 775.084. 29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005. 30 31

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2	SENATE SUMMARY
3	Prohibits the use of force, violence, or intimidation to induce or compel an individual to vote or refrain from
4	voting, refrain from registering to vote, or refrain from acting as an election official or poll watcher. Prohibits
5	the use of false information to challenge an individual's right to vote, prevent an individual from registering to
6	vote, or prevent an individual from acting as an election official or poll watcher. Prohibits a person from
7	knowingly destroying, mutilating, or defacing a voter registration form or election ballot or obstructing or
8	delaying the delivery of a voter registration form or election ballot. Provides criminal penalties.
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