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# H. R. 5278

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 25, 2023

Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Presi-  
5 dential Election Interference Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERFERENCE BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS**  
7 **AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.**

8 Section 595 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in the section heading, by inserting “a  
2           President or Vice President or” before “administra-  
3           tive employees”;

4           (2) by inserting “a President or Vice President,  
5           or” before “a person employed”; and

6           (3) by striking “or imprisoned not more than  
7           one year,” and inserting “or imprisoned not more  
8           than 3 years,”.

9   **SEC. 3. COERCION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY.**

10          Section 610 of title 18, United States Code, is  
11          amended by inserting after “for any person” the following:  
12          “, including a President or Vice President,”.

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