

Public Law 116–179
116th Congress

An Act

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Oct. 20, 2020

[S. 1321]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Defending the Integrity of Voting Systems Act”.

Defending the Integrity of Voting Systems Act.
18 USC 1 note.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON INTERFERENCE WITH VOTING SYSTEMS.

Section 1030(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

- (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;
- (B) in subparagraph (B), by adding “or” at the end;

and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) that—

- “(i) is part of a voting system; and
- “(ii)(I) is used for the management, support, or administration of a Federal election; or
- “(II) has moved in or otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce;”;

(2) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” at the end;

(3) in paragraph (12), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(13) the term ‘Federal election’ means any election (as defined in section 301(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101(1))) for Federal office (as defined in section 301(3) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101(3))); and

Definitions.

“(14) the term ‘voting system’ has the meaning given the term in section 301(b) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081(b)).”

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1321:

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