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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a criminal offense for fabricating a deceptive video with intent to influence the outcome of an election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 255.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d)  A person commits an offense if the person, with intent to injure a candidate or influence the result of an election:

(1)  creates a deep fake video; and

(2)  causes the deep fake video to be published or distributed within 30 days of an election.

(e)  In this section, "deep fake video" means a video created with artificial intelligence that, with the intent to deceive, appears to depict a real person performing an action that did not occur in reality.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.