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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a criminal offense for fabricating a
3 deceptive video with intent to influence the outcome of an
4 election.

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

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

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

10 (1) creates a deep fake video; and

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

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

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