

AN ACT

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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,  
14 created with the intent to deceive, that appears to depict a real  
15 person performing an action that did not occur in reality.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 751 passed the Senate on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 751 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 3, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor