

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5246

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to voter intimidation,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2004

Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. LEE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. FATTAH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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voter intimidation, and for other purposes.

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 “Voter Protection Act
5 of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOTER PROTECTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“§ 249. Interfering with voting through misrepresen-**
2 **tation**

3 “Whoever willfully provides misleading or fraudulent
4 information to an individual and thereby interferes with
5 that individual’s voting or qualifying to vote, qualifying
6 or campaigning as a candidate for elective office, or quali-
7 fying or acting as a poll watcher, or any legally authorized
8 election official, in any primary, special, or general elec-
9 tion, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more
10 than one year, or both.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of chapter 13 of title 18, United States
13 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
14 item:

“249. Interfering with voting through misrepresentation.”.

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