

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 4034

To amend title 18 of the United States Code to prohibit certain types  
of vote tampering.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

Mr. REID (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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certain types of vote tampering.

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 Suppression,  
5       Ballot Hacking, and Election Fraud Prevention Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON VOTE TAMPERING.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 18, United  
8       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9       lowing:

1 **“§ 612. Vote tampering**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever knowingly and willfully  
3 interferes with, affects, attempts to interfere with, or at-  
4 tempts to affect an election of a candidate or a ballot ini-  
5 tiative by tampering with a voting system, discarding bal-  
6 lots, or altering a vote shall be fined under this title or  
7 imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both.

8       “(b) APPLICATION.—This section applies only to elec-  
9 tions described in, and candidates described in, section  
10 11(e)(2) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
11 1973i(e)(2)).

12       “(c) CIVIL ACTION.—Any individual whose right to  
13 vote is interfered with by reason of a violation of this sec-  
14 tion may bring a civil action in Federal court against the  
15 violator and recover damages not to exceed \$10,000.

16       “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the terms ‘vote’  
17 and ‘voting’ have the meanings given the terms in section  
18 14(c) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
19 1973l(c)).”.

20       (b) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The chapter analysis for  
21 chapter 29 of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
22 by inserting after the item for section 612 the following:

“612. Vote tampering.”.

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