

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2785

To designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defending Elections
5 against Trolls from Enemy Regimes Act” or “DETER
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINED TERM.**

8 Section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
9 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following:

1 “(53) The term ‘improper interference in a
2 United States election’ means conduct by an alien
3 that—

4 “(A)(i) violates Federal criminal, voting
5 rights, or campaign finance law; or

6 “(ii) is under the direction of a foreign
7 government; and

8 “(B) interferes with a general or primary
9 Federal, State, or local election or caucus, in-
10 cluding—

11 “(i) the campaign of a candidate; and

12 “(ii) a ballot measure, including—

13 “(I) an amendment;

14 “(II) a bond issue;

15 “(III) an initiative;

16 “(IV) a recall;

17 “(V) a referral; and

18 “(VI) a referendum.”.

19 **SEC. 3. IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES**
20 **ELECTIONS.**

21 (a) **INADMISSIBILITY.**—Section 212(a)(3) of the Im-
22 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)) is
23 amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(H) **IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN A**
25 **UNITED STATES ELECTION.**—Any alien who a

1 consular officer, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
2 curity, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney
3 General knows, or has reasonable grounds to
4 believe, is seeking admission to the United
5 States to engage in improper interference in a
6 United States election, or who has engaged in
7 improper interference in a United States elec-
8 tion, is inadmissible.”.

9 (b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a) of the Immi-
10 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amend-
11 ed by adding at the end the following:

12 “(8) IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN A UNITED
13 STATES ELECTION.—Any alien who has engaged, is
14 engaged, or at any time after admission engages in
15 improper interference in a United States election is
16 deportable.”.