

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1328

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## AN ACT

To designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINED TERM.**

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

9           “(53) The term ‘improper interference in a  
10 United States election’ means conduct by an alien  
11 that—

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

14           “(ii) is under the direction of a foreign  
15 government; and

16           “(B) interferes with a general or primary  
17 Federal, State, or local election or caucus, in-  
18 cluding—

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

20           “(ii) a ballot measure, including—

21           “(I) an amendment;

22           “(II) a bond issue;

23           “(III) an initiative;

24           “(IV) a recall;

25           “(V) a referral; and

26           “(VI) a referendum.”.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES**  
2 **ELECTIONS.**

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

6 “(H) IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN A  
7 UNITED STATES ELECTION.—Any alien who a  
8 consular officer, the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
9 curity, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney  
10 General knows, or has reasonable grounds to  
11 believe, is seeking admission to the United  
12 States to engage in improper interference in a  
13 United States election, or who has engaged in  
14 improper interference in a United States elec-  
15 tion, is inadmissible.”.

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

19 “(8) IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN A UNITED  
20 STATES ELECTION.—Any alien who has engaged, is  
21 engaged, or at any time after admission engages in

1       improper interference in a United States election is  
2       deportable.”.

Passed the Senate June 3, 2019.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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