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H. R. 777

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Protecting Our Elec-
5 tion Workers Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS AND ELECTION OFFI-**
7 **CIALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 594 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing: “**and election officials**”;

3 (2) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)
 4 INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS—Whoever”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(b) INTIMIDATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AND
 7 POLL WORKERS.—Whoever intimidates, threatens, co-
 8 erces, or attempts to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any
 9 other person for the purpose of interfering with such other
 10 person’s duties in connection with the administration of
 11 an election described in subsection (a), shall be fined
 12 under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or
 13 both.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 15 for chapter 29 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
 16 by striking the item related to section 594 and inserting
 17 the following:

“594. Intimidation of voters and election officials.”.

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