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(57)**ABSTRACT**

An electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection circuit includes a first transistor, a second transistor, a capacitor, a voltage dividing circuit, and a first diode. The first transistor is coupled between a first power rail and a second power rail. The second transistor is coupled between the first power rail and the second power rail. A bulk of the second transistor is coupled to a control terminal of the first transistor. The capacitor is coupled between the first power rail and a control terminal of the second transistor. The voltage dividing circuit is coupled between the control terminal of the second transistor and the second power rail, and has a divided voltage output terminal coupled to the bulk of the second transistor. The first diode is coupled between the divided voltage output terminal and the second power rail.

