

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8977

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “End Fraudulent Fil-
3 ings that Interfere with Elections Act” or the “EFFIE
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY**
6 **WITH RESPECT TO CAMPAIGNS FOR FED-**
7 **ERAL OFFICE.**

8 (a) RESTRICTIONS.—Section 324 of the Federal
9 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30126) is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 324. FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO BAL-**
12 **LOT ACCESS IN AN ELECTION FOR FEDERAL**
13 **OFFICE.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No person who is seeking to be
15 a candidate in an election for Federal office or an em-
16 ployee or agent of such a person shall knowingly fraudu-
17 lently sign any materials or documentation required to be
18 submitted as a condition of ballot access for such election.

19 “(b) PENALTIES.—Any violation of this section shall
20 be a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine in any
21 amount not exceeding \$250,000, or imprisonment of not
22 more than 5 years, or both.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
24 ment made by this section shall take effect on the date
25 of the enactment of this Act.