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S. 2785

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2018

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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 “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 Section 212(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality
22 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the
23 end the following:

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

1 seeking admission to the United States to en-
2 gage in improper interference in a United
3 States election, or who has engaged in improper
4 interference in a United States election, is inad-
5 missible.”.

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