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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.