

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1638

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2023

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Ballot  
5 Measures from Foreign Influence Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS**  
2 **BY FOREIGN NATIONALS IN CONNECTION**  
3 **WITH BALLOT INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 319(a)(1)(A) of the Fed-  
5 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.  
6 30121(a)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “, or a State or  
7 local ballot initiative or ballot referendum” after “elec-  
8 tion”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contributions  
11 and donations made on or after the date of enactment of  
12 this Act.

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