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S. 5245

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates with a justification for candidate protection determinations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ 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 “Counter Secretary
5 Negligence In Protecting Election Runners Act” or the
6 “Counter SNIPER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CAN-**
2 **DIDATE PROTECTION.**

3 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h)(1) If the Secretary of Homeland Security deter-
6 mines that a Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate
7 requesting a protective detail or an increase in assigned
8 protective detail resources is not eligible for the protective
9 detail or increased protective detail resources under this
10 section, not later than 14 days after the date on which
11 the Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate makes the
12 request, the Secretary shall submit to the Presidential or
13 Vice Presidential candidate and the advisory committee
14 described in subsection (a)(7) a written notice of the de-
15 termination that indicates the criteria that the Presi-
16 dential or Vice Presidential candidate fails to meet for
17 such purpose.

18 “(2) A Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate
19 may submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security a writ-
20 ten request to reconsider a determination described in
21 paragraph (1), which may include facts to support that
22 the Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate meets the
23 criteria indicated by the Secretary of Homeland Security
24 in the notice described in paragraph (1).

1 “(3) Not later than 14 days after the date on which
2 a request for reconsideration is submitted under para-
3 graph (2), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

4 “(A) review the request;

5 “(B) submit to the Presidential or Vice Presi-
6 dential candidate a written notice of the final deter-
7 mination of the Secretary on whether the Presi-
8 dential or Vice Presidential candidate meets the cri-
9 teria for the purpose of this section; and

10 “(C) provide to the advisory committee de-
11 scribed in subsection (a)(7) a copy of the final deter-
12 mination described in subparagraph (B).

13 “(i)(1) The United States Secret Service shall be
14 headed by a Director.

15 “(2) The Director of the United States Secret Service
16 shall be appointed by the President with the advice and
17 consent of the Senate.”.

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