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H. R. 883

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide candidates with a justification for candidate protection determinations, to require Senate confirmation of the Director of the United States Secret Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Mr. GUEST) introduced the following bill;
which was 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 “Countering Subversion
5 and Negligence in Protecting Election Runners Act” or
6 the “Counter SNIPER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROTECTION; SENATE**
2 **CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTOR.**

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

5 “(h)(1) In the case that the Secretary of Homeland
6 Security determines that any Presidential or Vice Presi-
7 dential candidate requesting a protective detail or an in-
8 crease in assigned protective detail resources is not eligible
9 for such detail or increased resources for the purpose of
10 this section, the Secretary shall submit to the candidate
11 and the advisory committee, within 14 days after such a
12 request is made, a written notice of the Secretary’s deter-
13 mination, indicating the criteria that such candidate failed
14 to meet for such purpose.

15 “(2) Any Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate
16 may submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security a writ-
17 ten request to reconsider the determination described in
18 paragraph (1), which may include facts to support that
19 the criteria specified by the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
20 rity have been met for the purpose of this section.

21 “(3) Not later than 14 days after a request for recon-
22 sideration is submitted under paragraph (2), the Secretary
23 of Homeland Security shall review such request and sub-
24 mit to the Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate a
25 written notice of the Secretary’s final determination on
26 whether the criteria have been met for the purpose of this

1 section, and provide a copy of such final determination
2 to the advisory committee.

3 “(i) The United States Secret Service shall be headed
4 by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President
5 with the advice and consent of the Senate.”.

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