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H. R. 9072

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide candidates with a justification for candidate protection determinations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Mr. GIMENEZ) 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 “Counter Secretary
5 Negligence In Protecting Election Runners Act” or the
6 “Counter SNIPER Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROTECTION.**

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

1 “(h)(1) In the case that the Secretary of Homeland
2 Security determines that any Presidential candidate re-
3 questing a protective detail or an increase in assigned pro-
4 tective detail resources is not eligible for such detail or
5 increased resources for the purpose of this section, the
6 Secretary shall submit to the candidate and the advisory
7 committee, within 14 days after such a request is made,
8 a written notice of the Secretary’s determination, indi-
9 cating the criteria that such candidates failed to meet for
10 such purpose.

11 “(2) Any Presidential candidate may submit to the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security a written request to re-
13 consider the determination described in paragraph (1),
14 which may include facts to support that the criteria speci-
15 fied by the Secretary of Homeland Security have been met
16 for the purpose of this section.

17 “(3) Not later than 14 days after a request for recon-
18 sideration is submitted under paragraph (2), the Secretary
19 of Homeland Security shall review such request and sub-
20 mit to the Presidential candidate a written notice of the
21 Secretary’s final determination on whether the criteria
22 have been met for the purpose of this section, and provide
23 a copy of such final determination to the advisory com-
24 mittee.”.

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