

AB2655 • California

Defending Democracy from Deepfake Deception Act of 2024.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Effective: Sep 17, 2024 | Last Action (Sep 17, 2024): Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 261, Statutes of 2024.

Summary

This bill amends election laws and Section 35 of the Code of Civil Procedure to combat deepfake misinformation, enhancing election integrity in California.

Business Impact

If you create or distribute digital content in California, you must ensure it is not misleading or face penalties starting September 17, 2024.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits the creation and distribution of misleading deepfake content related to elections.
- Amends existing election laws and Section 35 of the Code of Civil Procedure to enhance voter protection against misinformation.
- Establishes fines and legal actions as penalties for non-compliance.
- Requires digital platforms and social media companies to identify and remove violating deepfake content.
- Provides exceptions for content identified as parody or satire.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure all digital content related to elections is not misleading. | Who: Content creators and distributors. | Penalty: Penalties as specified in the amended Code of Civil Procedure.

Industries Affected



Topics



Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Marc Berman	D	Sponsor
Gail Pellerin	D	Sponsor
Sabrina Cervantes	D	Sponsor
Steve Bennett	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2024-08-28	AB 2655 Berman Concurrence in Senate Amendments	59	8	Passed
2024-08-27	Assembly 3rd Reading AB2655 Berman et al. By Umber	31	9	Passed
2024-08-15	Do pass as amended	5	2	Passed
2024-08-05	Placed on suspense file	7	0	Passed
2024-07-02	Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer	9	2	Passed
2024-06-18	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	6	1	Passed
2024-05-22	AB 2655 Berman Assembly Third Reading	56	1	Passed
2024-05-16	Do pass as amended	11	1	Passed

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