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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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) If the Secretary of Homeland Security deter-  
6 mines that any Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate  
7 requesting a protective detail or an increase in assigned  
8 protective detail resources is not eligible for such detail  
9 or increased resources for the purpose of this section, the  
10 Secretary shall submit to the candidate and the advisory  
11 committee, not later than 14 days after such a request  
12 is made, a written notice of the Secretary’s determination,  
13 indicating the criteria that such candidate failed to meet  
14 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.”.