

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 23 entitled “An act relating to the use of synthetic media in elections”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further proposal of
6 amendment as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 17 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 4, in section 2031, by
8 striking out subdivisions (1) and (2) in their entireties and inserting in lieu
9 thereof new subdivisions (1) and (2) to read as follows:

10 (1) “Deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media” means synthetic media that
11 appears to a reasonable person to be a realistic representation of an individual
12 that does any of the following:

13 (A) injures the reputation of a political candidate; or

14 (B) attempts to unduly influence the outcome of an election,
15 including a public question, by providing materially false information to
16 voters.

17 (2) “Synthetic media” means an image, an audio recording, or a video
18 recording of an individual’s appearance, speech, or conduct that has been
19 created or intentionally manipulated with the use of digital technology,
20 including artificial intelligence.

