A bill to require social media platforms to provide a method for users to identify as candidates; to prohibit certain actions of social media platforms; and to provide remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "justice abolishing corporate kneecapping act".

Sec. 2. As used in this act:
(a) "Candidate" means that term as defined in section 3 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.203.
(b) "Deplatform" means the action or practice by a social
media platform to permanently delete or ban a user or to
temporarily delete or ban a user from the social media platform.

(c) "Social media platform" means any information service,
system, internet search engine, or access software provider to
which all of the following apply:

(i) Provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a
computer server, including an internet platform or a social media
site.

(ii) Operates as a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited
liability company, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

(iii) Does business in this state.

(iv) Has more than 1,000 employees.

(d) "User" means an individual who is domiciled in this state
and who has an account on a social media platform, regardless of
whether the person posts or has posted content or material to the
social media platform.

Sec. 3. (1) A social media platform shall provide each user a
method by which the user may be identified as a candidate. A user
may identify as a candidate beginning on the date the user
qualifies as a candidate and ending on the date of the election or
the date the user ceases to be a candidate. If a user elects to be
identified as a candidate on the social media platform, the user
must provide sufficient information to allow the social media
platform to confirm the user's qualification as a candidate.

(2) If a user is identified as a candidate under subsection
(1), the social media platform shall not willfully deplatform that
user during the period in which the user is identified as a
candidate.

Sec. 5. A user that is identified as a candidate may bring a
civil action against a social media platform for a violation of this act. A court shall award to a plaintiff who prevails in an action brought under this section damages of not less than $10,000.00 a day for each day that a violation exists and reasonable attorney fees.