

Florida governor signs law to block 'deplatforming' of Florida politicians | The Verge

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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill Monday that bars social media companies like Twitter and Facebook from "knowingly" deplatforming politicians.

The bill, SB 7072, was proposed in February, weeks after former President Donald Trump was banned from Facebook and Twitter after the deadly right-wing riot at the US Capitol. The law bars social media platforms from banning Floridian political candidates and authorizes the Florida Election Commission to impose fines if these candidates were to be deplatformed. The fines range from \$250,000 per day for statewide office candidates and \$25,000 per day for non-statewide offices.

"This will lead to more speech, not less speech," DeSantis said during a press conference at the Florida International University in Miami Monday. "Because speech that's inconvenient to the narrative will be protected."

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