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Dies Urges Jailing Officeholders Who Solicit Candidates

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**Texan Says 'Bureaucrats'
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By the Associated Press.

Representative Dies, Democrat, of Texas said yesterday he had prepared a bill to make it a penitentiary offense for Federal office holders to solicit persons to become candidates in congressional races.

The Texan, who heads the special House committee which investigates un-American activities, charged at the same time that "Federal bureaucrats" had asked "several people" in his district "to make the race for Congress against me."

He accused the "bureaucrats" of promising "financial and political support" to prospective opponents and declared in a statement that "if Congress will stand by me, I will put a stop to these Hitler methods."

"In my bill," Mr. Dies said, "I shall make it a penitentiary offense for any Government agency to furnish any candidate or any one in behalf of any candidate names and addresses of Federal employes."

"It has become a practice for some Government officials to favor the policy of influencing votes by

putting the pressure upon Federal employes.

"My bill also will make ineligible for reappointment to a Federal job any one who resigned the Federal job, to run for Representative or Senator for a period of two years."

Mr. Dies said the "spending of vast sums of money to buy elections and the pressure applied to Federal employes to support some favored

candidate" were a series threat to the public.

He charged that many candidates evaded the existing law governing reports of their expenditures by having friends "collect money from special interests and spend the money in their behalf."