

Subject Interference and intimidation of election officials

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Overview

This bill prohibits a series of activities that impact an election official's performance of duties. Among the prohibitions is intimidation of an election official; interfering with or hindering the administration of an election; dissemination of personal information about an election official; knowingly making false allegations about an election official; and obstructing access to a location where election duties are performed.

Violations are subject to criminal penalties and a civil enforcement process.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Investigate offenses against provisions of certain designated sections; assist in enforcement.</p> <p>Expands the scope of the attorney general's enforcement authority to include the new section codified by this bill, prohibiting intimidation and interference with the performance of duties by an election official.</p>
2	<p>Intimidation and interference related to the performance of duties by an election official; penalties.</p> <p>Prohibits a series of activities that impact an election official's performance of duties. These include intimidation of an election official; interfering with or hindering the administration of an election; dissemination of personal information about an election official; and obstructing access to a location where election duties are performed.</p> <p>Violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor, and may also be subject to enforcement through a civil action. Liability also applies to a person who conspires to commit, or who assists in committing, a prohibited act.</p>

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The attorney general is authorized to bring a civil action to restrain a violation if there is a reasonable basis to believe that an individual or entity is, or intends to, violate this section. Specific details about the civil enforcement process, including available damages, is provided in the bill.

3 Administrative remedy; exhaustion.

Exempts the new section codified by this bill from the default enforcement mechanism for other violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act. Instead of enforcement through the Office of Administrative Hearings, violations would be enforced by criminal prosecution or civil enforcement as detailed above.



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