

1 (2) A person may not directly or indirectly use or
2 threaten to use force, violence, or intimidation or any tactic
3 of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel an individual
4 to:

5 (a) Vote or refrain from voting;

6 (b) Vote or refrain from voting for any particular
7 individual or ballot measure;

8 (c) Refrain from registering to vote; or

9 (d) Refrain from acting as a legally authorized
10 election official or poll watcher.

11 (3) A person may not knowingly use false information
12 to:

13 (a) Challenge an individual's right to vote;

14 (b) Induce or attempt to induce an individual to
15 refrain from voting or registering to vote; or

16 (c) Induce or attempt to induce an individual to
17 refrain from acting as a legally authorized election official
18 or poll watcher.

19 (4) A person may not knowingly destroy, mutilate, or
20 deface a voter registration form or election ballot or
21 obstruct or delay the delivery of a voter registration form or
22 election ballot.

23 (5) A person who violates subsection (2) commits a
24 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
25 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who violates
26 subsection (3) or subsection (4) commits a felony of the third
27 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or
28 s. 775.084.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits the use of force, violence, or intimidation to induce or compel an individual to vote or refrain from voting, refrain from registering to vote, or refrain from acting as an election official or poll watcher. Prohibits the use of false information to challenge an individual's right to vote, prevent an individual from registering to vote, or prevent an individual from acting as an election official or poll watcher. Prohibits a person from knowingly destroying, mutilating, or defacing a voter registration form or election ballot or obstructing or delaying the delivery of a voter registration form or election ballot. Provides criminal penalties.