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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to harassment of election workers;  
3           creating s. 104.47, F.S.; defining the term "election  
4           worker"; prohibiting a person from intimidating,  
5           threatening, coercing, harassing, or attempting to  
6           intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass an election  
7           worker with specified intent; providing criminal  
8           penalties; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Section 104.47, Florida Statutes, is created to  
13 read:

14           104.47 Harassment of election workers.-

15           (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "election  
16 worker" means a member of a county canvassing board or an  
17 individual who is an election official or poll worker in  
18 connection with an election conducted in this state.

19           (2) A person may not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or  
20 harass, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass,  
21 an election worker with the intent to impede or interfere with  
22 the performance of the election worker's official duties or with  
23 the intent to retaliate against the election worker for the  
24 performance of his or her official duties.

25           (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
26 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
27 775.083.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.