

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to harassment of election workers;
 3 creating s. 104.0614, F.S.; defining the term
 4 "election worker"; prohibiting a person from
 5 intimidating, threatening, coercing, or harassing an
 6 election worker with specified intent; providing
 7 criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 104.0614, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 104.0614 Harassment of election workers.-

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

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

23 (3) A person who violates this section commits a
 24 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
 25 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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26 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. |