
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of terrorizing of a judge or law enforcement officer, provides definitions for purposes of this crime, and provides for criminal penalties.

Proposed law creates the crime of terrorizing of a judge or law enforcement officer which prohibits a person from making a threat to cause death or serious bodily injury to a judge or law enforcement officer in retaliation for the legal performance of their duties through the use of electronic, textual, visual, written, or oral communication. Further provides that to constitute a violation of the provisions of proposed law, it is necessary that the judge or officer reasonably believes that the threat of death or serious bodily injury is so imminent that the professional or personal life activities of the judge or officer is altered or otherwise changed in the interest of personal safety.

Proposed law provides definitions of "electronic communication", "electronic mail", "judge", and "law enforcement officer" for purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that any person who violates the provisions of proposed law shall be fined not more than \$15,000 or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than 15 years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:40.1.1)