

Legislative Analysis



PROHIBIT INTIMIDATION OF OR INTERFERENCE WITH ELECTION WORKERS

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Senate Bill 505 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Dayna Polehanki
House Committee: Elections
Senate Committee: Elections and Ethics
Complete to 11-7-23

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 505 would amend the sentencing guidelines chapter of the Code of Criminal Procedure to incorporate the felonies proposed by House Bill 4129, a bill that would make it illegal to intimidate an election official or otherwise prevent election officials from performing their duties.¹ Under Senate Bill 505, a third or subsequent offense would be a Class E felony against the public trust punishable by a statutory maximum of five years.

The bill is tie-barred to HB 4129, which means it could not go into effect unless HB 4129 were also enacted.

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BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 505 is identical to House Bill 4130, a companion bill for House Bill 4129.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 505 is a companion bill to HB 4129 and amends sentencing guidelines to include third or subsequent offenses of intimidating an election official or preventing an election official from performing their duties as Class E felonies. The bill would not have a direct fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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¹ For a summary of House Bill 4129, see: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billanalysis/House/pdf/2023-HLA-4129-661BFBC8.pdf>.