# LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

### ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 102**

Introduced by Hilkemann, 4.

Read first time January 06, 2017

#### Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section
- 2 28-919, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a penalty
- 3 relating to tampering with witnesses or informants; and to repeal
- 4 the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 28-919, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 28-919 (1) A person commits the offense of tampering with a witness
- 4 or informant if, believing that an official proceeding or investigation
- 5 of a criminal or civil matter is pending or about to be instituted, he or
- 6 she attempts to induce or otherwise cause a witness or informant to:
- 7 (a) Testify or inform falsely;
  - (b) Withhold any testimony, information, document, or thing;
- 9 (c) Elude legal process summoning him or her to testify or supply
- 10 evidence; or
- 11 (d) Absent himself or herself from any proceeding or investigation
- to which he or she has been legally summoned.
- 13 (2) A person commits the offense of jury tampering if, with intent
- 14 to influence a juror's vote, opinion, decision, or other action in a
- 15 case, he or she attempts directly or indirectly to communicate with a
- 16 juror other than as a part of the proceedings in the trial of the case.
- 17 (3) A violation of this section is a Class IV felony unless the
- 18 tampering occurs as an attempt to change the outcome of a felony charge,
- 19 <u>in which case it is a Class II felony</u> Tampering with witnesses or
- 20 informants is a Class IV felony. Jury tampering is a Class IV felony.
- 21 Sec. 2. Original section 28-919, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 22 Nebraska, is repealed.