Session of 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 2023

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election crimes; creating the crime of interference with an election official; providing penalties for violations thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Interference with an election official is intimidating, threatening, coercing or attempting to intimidate, threaten or coerce an election official, whether verbally, in writing or through physical acts, with the intent to:

(1) Impede or otherwise interfere with the performance by such election official of their official duties; or

(2) retaliate against such election official in response to such official's performance of their official duties.

(b) Interference with an election official is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.

(c) This section shall not apply to any enforcement action taken by an election official against an election judge or other election official as a result of a violation of state or federal law or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto when such enforcement action is permitted by state or federal law.

(d) (1) As used in this section, "election official" means a county clerk, election commissioner, election judge, election clerk, member of a canvassing, audit or any other election board or any other person engaged in the performance of official election duties.

(2) "Election official" does not include poll agents.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.