

HB 1437 -- POLITICAL INTIMIDATION PREVENTION ACT

SPONSOR: Mims

This bill creates the Political Intimidation Prevention Act which makes it a crime to intentionally engage or attempt to engage in any conduct which threatens, coerces, or harasses an elected official of the state or a political subdivision of the state. This offense does not apply to verbal, physical, or written conduct engaged in by a person while investigating any misdemeanor or felony committed by an elected official. The offense is a class A misdemeanor unless the offense causes physical harm to the elected official, in which case it is a class D felony for an offense committed before January 1, 2017 and a class E felony on or after January 1, 2017. If the offense is committed by an elected official against another elected official, the offender must immediately forfeit his or her elected office.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as HB 1106 (2015).