

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2145

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FITZWATER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 575.095, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the offense of tampering with a judicial officer, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 575.095, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 575.095, to read as follows:

575.095. 1. A person commits the offense of tampering with a judicial officer if, with the purpose to harass, intimidate or influence a judicial officer in the performance of such officer's official duties **or as a direct result of such officer's official duties**, such person:

(1) Threatens or causes harm to such judicial officer or members of such judicial officer's family;

(2) Uses force, threats, or deception against or toward such judicial officer or members of such judicial officer's family;

(3) Offers, conveys or agrees to convey any benefit direct or indirect upon such judicial officer or such judicial officer's family;

(4) Engages in conduct reasonably calculated to harass or alarm such judicial officer or such judicial officer's family, including stalking pursuant to section 565.225 or 565.227.

2. A judicial officer for purposes of this section shall be a **current or former** judge, arbitrator, special master, juvenile officer, deputy juvenile officer, state prosecuting or circuit attorney, state assistant prosecuting or circuit attorney, juvenile court commissioner, state probation or parole officer, or referee.

3. A judicial officer's family for purposes of this section shall be:

(1) Such officer's spouse; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18           (2) Such officer or such officer's spouse's ancestor or descendant by blood or adoption;  
19 or  
20           (3) Such officer's stepchild, while the marriage creating that relationship exists.  
21           4. The offense of tampering with a judicial officer is a class D felony.

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