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A BILL

To amend section 3599.20 of the Revised Code to
prohibit any person from intimidating,
threatening, or coercing a person for the
purpose of interfering with that person's right
to vote in an election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3599.20 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3599.20. (A) No person shall attempt do any of the
following:

(1) Recklessly attempt to induce an elector to show how
the elector marked the elector's ballot at an election; ~~or,~~
~~being~~

(2) Being an elector, recklessly allow the elector's
ballot to be seen by another, except as provided by section
3505.24 of the Revised Code, with the apparent intention of
letting it be known how the elector is about to vote; ~~or~~

(3) Recklessly make a false statement as to the elector's
ability to mark the ballot; ~~or knowingly~~

<u>(4) Knowingly</u> mark the ballot so it may be identified	19
after it has been cast; or attempt	20
<u>(5) Recklessly attempt</u> to interfere with an elector in the	21
voting booth when marking the elector's ballot; or knowingly	22
<u>(6) Knowingly</u> destroy or mutilate a lawful ballot; or	23
<u>(7) Recklessly</u> remove from the polling place or be found	24
in unlawful possession of a lawful ballot outside the enclosure	25
provided for voting; or knowingly	26
<u>(8) Knowingly</u> hinder or delay the delivery of a lawful	27
ballot to a person entitled to receive it; or	28
<u>(8) Recklessly</u> give to an elector a ballot printed or	29
written contrary to law; or	30
<u>(9) Recklessly</u> forge or falsely make an official	31
indorsement on a ballot;	32
<u>(10) Purposely intimidate, threaten, coerce, or attempt to</u>	33
<u>intimidate, threaten, or coerce a person for the purpose of</u>	34
<u>interfering with that person's right to vote in an election.</u>	35
Whoever <u>(B) (1) Whoever</u> violates <u>division (A) (1), (2), (3),</u>	36
<u>or (4) of this section is guilty of a felony of the fifth</u>	37
<u>degree.</u>	38
<u>(2) Whoever</u> violates <u>division (A) (5), (6), (7), (8), (9),</u>	39
<u>or (10) of this section is guilty of a felony of the fourth</u>	40
<u>degree.</u>	41
Section 2. That existing section 3599.20 of the Revised	42
Code is hereby repealed.	43