

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

Regular Session, 1989

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1586

By: Representatives McJunkin and Hinshaw

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT MAKING IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO FILE A FALSE REPORT  
WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE."

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

SECTION 1. A person commits the offense of filing a false report if he files a report with any law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's office of any alleged criminal wrongdoing on the part of another knowing that such report is false.

SECTION 2. For purpose of this act:

"Report" means any communication, either written or oral, sworn or unsworn.

SECTION 3. Filing a false report is a Class D felony if:

- (a) The crime is a capital offense, Class Y felony, Class A felony, or Class B felony; or
  - (b) The agency or office to whom the report is made has expended in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in order to investigate said report, including the costs of labor; or
  - (c) Physical injury results to any person as a result of the false report; or
  - (d) The false report is made in an effort by the person filing said false report to conceal his own criminal activity; or
  - (e) The false report results in another person being arrested.
- Otherwise, filing a false report is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

