

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 174

5 By: Senator DeLay
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE INTIMIDATION OF JUDICIAL
10 OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 TO PROHIBIT THE INTIMIDATION OF JUDICIAL
14 OFFICERS.

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 53, Subchapter 1 is amended
20 by adding an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-53-135. Intimidation of judicial officers.

22 (a) "Judicial officer" means any judge, justice, arbitrator,
23 administrative law judge, magistrate, referee, hearing examiner, commissioner,
24 or any other person authorized to hear evidence under oath.

25 (b)(1) A person commits the offense of intimidating a judicial officer
26 if:

27 (A) The person communicates with a judicial officer with
28 the intent and purpose of influencing the judicial officer's future rulings,
29 decisions, or opinions; and

30 (B) The communication was made with a threat, either
31 directly or indirectly, expressly or implied, that the judicial officer or the
32 judicial officer's immediate family would suffer harm to their health and
33 safety, property, or economic condition.

34 (2) Communications by an elected or appointed governmental
35 official to a judicial officer concerning the continued employment of the
36 judicial officer shall not constitute a threat of economic harm.

