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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/12/2024	11545	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety
02/15/2024	11620	Withdrawn and re-referred to Elections
02/19/2024	11660	Authors added Boldon; Mitchell
	11663a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety
03/07/2024	11935	Comm report: To pass
	12031	Second reading See HF4772

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; expanding scope of doxing crimes; amending Minnesota

1.3 Statutes 2022, section 609.5151, subdivisions 1, 2; Minnesota Statutes 2023

1.4 Supplement, section 211B.076, subdivision 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 211B.076, subdivision 4, is

1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Dissemination of personal information about an election official.** (a) A

1.9 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not

1.10 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election

1.11 official's family or household member if:

1.12 (1) ~~the dissemination~~ public availability of information poses an imminent and serious

1.13 threat to the official's safety or the safety of an official's family or household member; and

1.14 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should

1.15 know of any imminent and serious threat.

1.16 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means ~~the~~ a home telephone

1.17 number, cell number, personal email address, name of the official's minor child, photographs

1.18 of the official's minor child, home address of the election official or a member of an election

1.19 official's family, directions to that a home, or photographs of that a home.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes

1.21 committed on or after that date.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.5151, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

2.3 (1) "family or household member" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision  
2.4 2;

2.5 (2) "law enforcement official" means both peace officers as defined in section 626.84,  
2.6 subdivision 1, and persons employed by a law enforcement agency; and

2.7 (3) "personal information" means a home telephone number, cell number, personal email  
2.8 address, name of the official's minor child, photographs of the official's minor child, home  
2.9 address, directions to a home, or photographs of a home.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes  
2.11 committed on or after that date.

2.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.5151, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.13 Subd. 2. **Crime described.** (a) It is a misdemeanor for a person to knowingly and without  
2.14 consent make publicly available, including but not limited to through the Internet, personal  
2.15 information about a law enforcement official or an official's family or household member,  
2.16 if:

2.17 (1) ~~the dissemination~~ public availability of information poses an imminent and serious  
2.18 threat to the official's safety or the safety of an official's family or household member; and

2.19 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should  
2.20 know of the imminent and serious threat.

2.21 (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person violates paragraph (a) and  
2.22 a law enforcement official or an official's family or household member suffers great bodily  
2.23 harm or death as a result of the violation.

2.24 (c) A person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this section is guilty  
2.25 of a gross misdemeanor.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes  
2.27 committed on or after that date.