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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to crimes and offenses; to create the crime of
5 doxing; to establish penalties for violations; and in
6 connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the
7 requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds
8 within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 2022.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
12 following terms have the following meanings:

13 (1) FIREFIGHTER. The term as defined in Section
14 36-21-180, Code of Alabama 1975.

15 (2) GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION. The term as defined in
16 Section 13A-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

17 (3) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. An officer employed by the
18 state, county, or municipality who is certified by the Alabama
19 Police Officer's Standards and Training Commission and who has
20 the power of arrest.

21 (4) PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. Includes, but is
22 not limited to, all of the following:

23 a. Home address.

24 b. Photographs or information of the victim's children,
25 including the schools they attend.

26 c. Any other information that would enable the victim
27 to be harassed, threatened, or harmed.

28 (5) PUBLIC SERVANT. The term as defined in Section



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29 13A-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

30 (b) An individual commits the crime of doxing if he or
31 she does either of the following:

32 (1) Intentionally electronically publishes, posts, or
33 provides personal identifying information of another
34 individual, with the intent that others will use that
35 information to harass or harm that other individual, and the
36 other individual is actually harassed or harmed.

37 (2) Intentionally electronically publishes, posts, or
38 provides personal identifying information of a law enforcement
39 officer, firefighter, or public servant, with the intent that
40 others will use that information to harass, harm, or impede
41 the duties of that law enforcement officer, firefighter, or
42 public servant, and the law enforcement officer, firefighter,
43 or public servant is actually harassed, harmed, or impeded
44 from performing his or her governmental function.

45 (c) (1) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class A
46 misdemeanor.

47 (2) A second or subsequent violation of subsection (b)
48 is a Class C felony.

49 (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit any
50 of the following:

51 (1) Political speech protected by the First Amendment
52 of the United States Constitution.

53 (2) The publication of contact information of public
54 officials by any individual or organization for the purpose of
55 encouraging citizens to lobby the public official for or
56 against any policy or legislative act. For purposes of this



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57 subdivision, contact information means an official address,
58 email, or phone number used by the public official for his or
59 her public service.

60 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose
61 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of
62 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements
63 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of
64 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or
65 amends the definition of an existing crime.

66 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
67 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
68 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 09-May-23, as amended.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate 25-May-23

Passed

House 25-May-23

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Senate Amendment