

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5602



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th Dist. SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL ACTIONS RESULTING FROM DEPRIVATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE COMMITTED BY AN ELECTED STATE OFFICIAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 925 of the general statutes be amended to provide that: 2 (1) No state elected official, acting alone or in conspiracy with another, 3 shall deprive any person or class of persons of the equal protection of 4 the laws of this state, or of the equal privileges and immunities under 5 the laws of this state, including, without limitation, the protections, privileges and immunities guaranteed under article first of the 6 7 Constitution of the state; and (2) in any civil action brought against any 8 member of the General Assembly, the Governor, the Lieutenant 9 Governor, the Attorney General, the Comptroller, the Treasurer or the 10 Secretary of the State as individuals, governmental immunity shall only 11 be a defense to a claim for damages when, at the time of the conduct 12 complained of, the state official had an objectively good faith belief that 13 such official's conduct did not violate the law.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that state elected officials are held to the same standard as law enforcement personnel in protecting the constitutional rights of state residents.