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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4133

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy

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, subdivision 1; 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 poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the
1.13 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 child, photographs of
1.18 the official's child, home address of the election official or a member of an election official's
1.19 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 child, photographs of the official's child, home address,
2.9 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.