

**House Judiciary Reported Substitute for HB287**



A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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



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a. Home address.

~~b. Work address.~~

~~c. Phone number.~~

~~d. Email address.~~

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

c. Any other information that would enable the victim to be ~~located, contacted,~~ harassed, threatened, or harmed.

(5) PUBLIC SERVANT. The term as defined in Section 13A-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

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

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

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

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

(2) A second or subsequent violation of subsection (b)



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57 is a Class **D C** felony.

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

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