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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Increases the penalty for attempting to intimidate an election officer, or preventing an election official from performing the official's duties from a first degree misdemeanor to a fifth degree felony.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### **Increased penalty for attempting to intimidate an election officer or preventing an election official from performing the official's duties**

Continuing law prohibits a person from attempting to intimidate an election officer, or preventing an election official from performing the official's duties.<sup>1</sup> A violation of this prohibition is currently a first degree misdemeanor. The bill increases the penalty to a fifth degree felony.<sup>2</sup>

### HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-15-24

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3599.24(A)(3).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3599.24(B).