

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act further protecting witnesses from intimidation.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> | <i>8/13/2025</i> |

HOUSE No.

By Representative Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to protecting witnesses from intimidation. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act further protecting witnesses from intimidation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subsection (b) of section 13B of chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:- If the
3 misconduct utilizes social media or internet communications, such person shall be punished by
4 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years or by imprisonment in the house of
5 correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine
6 and imprisonment. If the misconduct occurs within 50 feet of the courthouse in which a
7 proceeding described in this section occurred or will occur, such person shall be punished by
8 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years or by imprisonment in the house of
9 correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine
10 and imprisonment.