

# Joint Committee on Election Laws

## Bill Summary

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<b><u>BILL NUMBER</u></b>	Senate, No. 516
<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	An Act to protect democracy
<b><u>SPONSORS</u></b>	Senators Keenan and Moore; Representative Hawkins of Attleboro
<b><u>HEARING DATE</u></b>	Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM, B-1

### **SUMMARY**

This bill declares harassment and intimidation of state and local election workers or their families a punishable crime. Bill defines intimidation and harassment to include overt threats in various forms and includes the sharing of personally identifying information in the definition if the act of sharing seeks to promote harassment or intimidation. It includes necessarily severe punishments to deter dangerous actors. Those guilty of first offenses face imprisonment up to four years, a fine of up to \$10,000 or both. Second offenders face ten years, fine of up to \$25,000 or both.