

## HB287 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would create the crime of doxing and establish penalties for violations.

Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from becoming effective with regard to a local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for the purpose.

The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of the amendment. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective because it comes within one of the specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT



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

36 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

39 (1) FIREFIGHTER. The term as defined in Section  
40 36-21-180, Code of Alabama 1975.

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

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

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

49 a. Home address.

50 b. Work address.

51 c. Phone number.

52 d. Email address.

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

55 f. Any other information that would enable the victim  
56 to be located, contacted, harassed, threatened, or harmed.



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57 (5) PUBLIC SERVANT. The term as defined in Section  
58 13A-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

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

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

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

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

76 (2) A second or subsequent violation of subsection (b)  
77 is a Class D felony.

78 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose  
79 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of  
80 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements  
81 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of  
82 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or  
83 amends the definition of an existing crime.

84 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first



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85 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
86 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.