SENATE BILL NO. 793

December 14, 2021, Introduced by Senators WOJNO, WOZNIAK, POLEHANKI, MCCANN, BAYER, HOLLIER, MOSS and BRINKS and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 931c. (1) An individual who communicates to any
- 2 individual that he or she will physically harm an individual who is
- 3 an election official and who does so because of the individual's
- 4 status as an election official is quilty of a misdemeanor
- 5 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of

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- 1 not more than \$1,000.00, or both.
- 2 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), an individual who
- 3 assaults or assaults and batters an individual while the individual
- 4 is performing his or her duties as an election official or because
- 5 of the individual's status as an election official and causes the
- 6 individual any physical injury is guilty of a felony punishable by
- 7 imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than
- 8 \$1,000.00, or both.
- 9 (3) An individual who assaults or assaults and batters an
- 10 individual while the individual is performing his or her duties as
- 11 an election official or because of the individual's status as an
- 12 election official and causes the individual serious impairment of a
- 13 body function is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for
- 14 not more than 5 years or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more
- 15 than \$5,000.00, or both.
- 16 (4) As used in this section:
- 17 (a) "Election official" means a public officer or public
- 18 employee who has a duty to perform in connection with an election
- 19 conducted under this act.
- 20 (b) "Serious impairment of a body function" means that phrase
- 21 as defined in section 58c of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
- 22 300, MCL 257.58c.