

HB454 INTRODUCED



1 HB454
2 YMKRC6N-1
3 By Representative Hurst
4 RFD: Judiciary
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, no local law shall be passed
6 by the Legislature unless notice of the intention to
7 introduce the legislation is published in the affected
8 county. The notice must generally be published in a
9 newspaper of general circulation in the affected county
10 at least once a week for four consecutive weeks.

11 This bill would provide that if a person is
12 tasked with advertising the legal notice of a local
13 bill as required by law, the person commits the crime
14 of tampering with a legislative record if, without
15 authorization, the person intentionally alters the
16 notice to change the description of the proposed local
17 law's scope, purpose, or effect.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 Relating to crimes and offenses; to add Section
25 13A-10-12.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish the
26 crime of tampering with a legislative record; and to provide
27 criminal penalties for a violation.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29 Section 1. Section 13A-10-12.1 is added to the Code of
30 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

31 §13A-10-12.1

32 (a) A person commits the crime of tampering with a
33 legislative record if all of the following occur:

34 (1) The person is requested to publish, in accordance
35 with the requirements of Section 106 of the Constitution of
36 Alabama of 2022, a legal notice stating the substance of a
37 proposed local law prior to the introduction of the bill.

38 (2) Without the permission of the sponsoring
39 legislator, the person makes an alteration to the notice with
40 the intent to change the description of the proposed local
41 law's scope, purpose, or effect.

42 (3) The notice is advertised with the unauthorized
43 alteration.

44 (b) A violation of this section is a Class A
45 misdemeanor.

46 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
47 1, 2025.