

ANTI-INTIMIDATION

LEGISLATOR NOTICE

The Legislative Services Division is required to offer a brief history on the subject matter of a bill draft request prior to drafting (5-4-105, MCA; [Chapter 309, Laws of 2017](#)). The history must include related legislation introduced over the last five sessions and hyperlinks to the bill, hearing information, and fiscal notes. The legislation links below open to the page showing the status and history of bills introduced on this topic in the past. The bill text and any related fiscal notes can be accessed through the link at the top of that page.

Legislation can be complex and this history is not intended to be exhaustive. Please contact the drafter of the requested bill for more information.

Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: Title 27, Chapter 1, Part 15, MCA is the Montana Anti-Intimidation Act of 1996. It was submitted to voters and approved by them in 1996. It provides a civil cause of action for public officials, family members of public officials, jurors, voters, individuals or organizations injured, harmed or aggrieved by the acts of another committing:

- Intimidation, 45-5-203, MCA;
- Threats and other improper influence in official and political matters, 45-7-102, MCA; or
- Impersonation of public servant, 45-7-209, MCA.

The Anti-Intimidation Act also provides a means for fighting nonconsensual common-law liens on property, which were found to be used by extremists as tools for intimidation.

It appears that no bills have been introduced specifically for amending the Act during recent sessions.

Other Materials: [https://ballotpedia.org/Montana_Anti-Intimidation,_I-123_\(1996\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Montana_Anti-Intimidation,_I-123_(1996))