

# MINNESOTA LAW ESTABLISHING ELECTION WORKER PROTECTIONS



As of 2023, Minnesota election officials have clear protections from threats, harassment, and intimidation due to their work. ([Minnesota Statute 211B.076](#)) An “election official” is any individual assigned by a state entity or county or municipal government to perform official duties related to elections. This includes:

- Members of a canvassing board;
- County auditors or municipal clerks charged with duties relating to elections;
- Members of a ballot board;
- Election judges; and
- Election judge trainees.

Under the law, it is a crime to:

- Threaten an election official with the intent to influence the official's work in election administration;
- Interfere with the administration of an election;
- Publish personal information about an election official;
- Obstruct an election official's access to a location relating to election administration;
- Tamper with voting equipment;
- Tamper with a ballot box;
- Tamper with the statewide voter registration system, registration list, or polling place roster; and/or
- Access the statewide voter registration system without authorization.

A person who aids, abets, or conspires with another person taking any of these actions may also be liable for damages.

Anyone found in violation of this law would be guilty of a gross misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a \$3,000 fine and 364 days imprisonment.

Additionally, a person violating this law may be liable for civil damages and a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.