

# HOUSE BILL No. 1990

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-14-1-17.

**Synopsis:** Making false statements to affect election. Provides that a person who knowingly makes a false statement to affect the outcome of an election commits a Class B misdemeanor. Provides that the offense is a Class C misdemeanor if the person makes the statement recklessly.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-14-1-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 17. (a) A person who knowingly:**  
4 (1) **makes, publishes, or circulates; or**  
5 (2) **causes to be made, published, or circulated;**  
6 **a false statement in any written form or by telephone to affect the**  
7 **vote relating to a candidate for public office or the outcome of a**  
8 **public question commits a Class B misdemeanor.**  
9 (b) **A person who recklessly:**  
10 (1) **makes, publishes, or circulates; or**  
11 (2) **causes to be made, published, or circulated;**  
12 **a false statement in any written form or by telephone to affect the**  
13 **vote relating to a candidate for public office or the outcome of a**  
14 **public question commits a Class C misdemeanor.**

