



1 (2) An election official may report to the election security and integrity office an alleged violation of  
 2 election law under Title 13, chapter 35, parts 1 and 2, an alleged act of intimidation or coercion, or an alleged  
 3 violation of 45-7-102 or 45-7-302. Upon received a complaint, the office staff shall investigate the report and  
 4 proceed pursuant to [section 3] if the office staff have cause to believe that a violation of election law has  
 5 occurred.

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 7 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Cause of action created.** If the staff of the election security and integrity  
 8 office have reasonable cause to believe that a violation under [section 2] has occurred, the office attorney may  
 9 commence a civil action or criminal action in the appropriate district court for appropriate relief.

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 11 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$175,000 from the general fund to  
 12 the department of justice for each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. The appropriation must be used  
 13 for the purposes of funding the election security and integrity office and for the two FTE required under [section  
 14 1]. The legislature intends that the appropriation in this section be considered part of the ongoing base for the  
 15 next legislative session.

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 17 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction.** (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as  
 18 an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 20, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 20, apply to [section  
 19 1].

20 (2) [Sections 2 through 3] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 44, chapter 4, part 5,  
 21 and the provisions of Title 44, chapter 4, part 5, apply to [sections 2 through 3].

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 23 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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