

ACT 156

H.B. NO. 597

A Bill for an Act Relating to Offenses Against Public Administration.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§710- Retaliating against a witness. (1) A person commits the offense of retaliating against a witness if he uses force upon or threatens a witness or another person or damages the property of a witness or another person because of the attendance of the witness, or any testimony given, or any record, document, or other object produced, by the witness in an official proceeding.

(2) “Threaten” as used in this section means any threat proscribed by sections 707-764(1) and 707-764(2).

(3) Retaliating against a witness is a class C felony.

§710- Retaliating against a juror. (1) A person commits the offense of retaliating against a juror if he uses force upon or threatens a juror or another person because of the vote, opinion, decision, or other action of the juror in an official proceeding.

(2) “Threaten” as used in this section means any threat proscribed in sections 707-764(1) and 707-764(2).

(3) Retaliating against a juror is a class C felony.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 16, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.