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S.F. No. 3481 - Expanding scope of doxing crimes (1st Engrossment)

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S.F. 3481 expands the scope of “doxing” crimes as they apply to election officials, law enforcement officials, and the family members and household members of both types of officials. In both instances, a person is prohibited from making personal information about an official or the official’s family or household member publicly available, without the consent, if the public availability of the information poses an imminent and serious threat to the official’s safety or the safety of the official’s family or household member and the person making the information available knows of any imminent or serious threat.

Section 1 [§211B.076, subd. 4; Dissemination of personal information about an election official] expands the definition of “personal information” to include the official’s home telephone number, cell phone number, personal email address, minor children’s names, and pictures of the official’s minor children. The home address of an election official’s family member is removed from the definition. This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Section 2 [§609.5151, subd. 1; Definition] expands the definition of “personal information” to include the official’s home telephone number, cell phone number, personal email address, minor children’s names, and pictures of the official’s minor children. This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Section 3 [§609.5151, subd. 2; Crime described] changes terminology to be consistent with terminology used elsewhere in the bill. This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.