

HB 1384 -- Theft or Destruction of Documents

Sponsor: Brooks

This bill makes it a class C felony to steal a government document or any document of historical significance. Under current law, these offenses are class A misdemeanors.

The bill makes the crime of library theft a class A misdemeanor when the value of the stolen property is less than \$500. Under current law, this offense is a class C misdemeanor. The offense is a class C felony if the property is valued at more than \$500 and a class B felony when the property is valued at more than \$25,000. The bill makes the defacing of library materials a class A misdemeanor.

The bill also amends the crime of tampering with a public record and increases the penalty from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony. A person commits the crime when they leave a position as a government employee and knowingly fail to deliver to a successor all of the office's records.