

HB 1684 -- Missouri Political Cyberfraud Act

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This bill establishes the Missouri Political Cyberfraud Act and creates the crime of political cyberfraud, a class B misdemeanor. A person will be guilty of this crime if he or she intentionally deceives, defrauds, or misleads others about web sites that support or oppose a ballot measure. Prohibited actions include:

- (1) Intentionally diverting or redirecting access to a political web site to another person's web site using similar domain names, meta-tags, or other electronic measures;
- (2) Intentionally preventing or denying exit from a political web site through the use of various electronic measures;
- (3) Registering a domain name similar to another domain name for a political web site; and
- (4) Intentionally preventing the use of a domain name for a political web site by registering and holding or reselling a domain name with the intent of preventing its use.

These provisions will not apply to a domain name registrar, registry, or registration authority.