



## 2011 SENATE BILL 561

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Senators LASSA and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives ROYS, C. TAYLOR, BERCEAU, TURNER and YOUNG. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 12.09 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** intimidation or  
2             harassment of recall petition signers.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill prohibits any person from intimidating or harassing another person because that person signs or is attempting to sign a recall petition. Violators are guilty of a Class I felony and may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months, or both. No similar prohibition exists currently.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3             **SECTION 1.** 12.09 (4) of the statutes is created to read:  
4             12.09 (4) No person may intimidate or harass another person because that  
5             person signs or is attempting to sign a recall petition.

6   **(END)**