

# **CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Civil Rights Act of 1960”* [52 U.S.C. 10101 note].

### TITLE I

#### OBSTRUCTION OF COURT ORDERS

SEC. 101. 【Adds a new section 1509 at the end of chapter 73 of title 18, U.S.C.】

SEC. 102. 【Amends the analysis of chapter 73 of title 18, by adding at the end thereof, the chapter heading for § 1509.】

### TITLE II

FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR DAMAGING OR DESTROYING ANY BUILDING OR OTHER REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND, ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION, USE OR POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES; AND, THREATS OR FALSE INFORMATION CONCERNING ATTEMPTS TO DAMAGE OR DESTROY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY FIRE OR EXPLOSIVES

SEC. 201. 【Adds a new § 1074 at the end of chapter 49 of title 18, U.S.C.】

SEC. 202. 【Amends the analysis of chapter 49 of title 18, by adding thereto, the chapter heading for Sec. 1074.】

SEC. 203. 【Adds a new Sec. 837 at the end of chapter 39 of title 18, U.S.C.】

【Repealed by P.L. 91–452.】

SEC. 204. 【Amends the analysis of chapter 39 of title 18, by adding thereto, the chapter heading for § 837.】

## TITLE III

## FEDERAL ELECTION RECORDS

SEC. 301. [52 U.S.C. 20701] Every officer of election shall retain and preserve, for a period of twenty-two months from the date of any general, special, or primary election of which candidates for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the Senate, Member of the House of Representatives, or Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are voted for, all records and papers which come into his possession relating to any application, registration, payment of poll tax, or other act requisite to voting in such election, except that, when required by law, such records and papers may be delivered to another officer of election and except that, if a State or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico designates a custodian to retain and preserve these records and papers at a specified place, then such records and papers may be deposited with such custodian, and the duty to retain and preserve any record or paper so deposited shall devolve upon such custodian. Any officer of election or custodian who willfully fails to comply with this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

SEC. 302. [52 U.S.C. 20702] Any person, whether or not an officer of election or custodian, who willfully steals, destroys, conceals, mutilates, or alters any record or paper required by section 301 to be retained and preserved shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

SEC. 303. [52 U.S.C. 20703] Any record or paper required by section 301 to be retained and preserved shall, upon demand in writing by the Attorney General or his representative directed to the person having custody, possession, or control of such record or paper, be made available for inspection, reproduction, and copying at the principal office of such custodian by the Attorney General or his representative. This demand shall contain a statement of the basis and the purpose therefor.

SEC. 304. [52 U.S.C. 20704] Unless otherwise ordered by a court of the United States, neither the Attorney General nor any employee of the Department of Justice, nor any other representative of the Attorney General, shall disclose any record or paper produced pursuant to this title, or any reproduction or copy, except to Congress and any committee thereof, governmental agencies, and in the presentation of any case or proceeding before any court or grand jury.

SEC. 305. [52 U.S.C. 20705] The United States district court for the district in which a demand is made pursuant to section 303, or in which a record or paper so demanded is located, shall have jurisdiction by appropriate process to compel the production of such record or paper.

SEC. 306. [52 U.S.C. 20706] As used in this title, the term "officer of election" means any person who, under color of any Federal, State, Commonwealth, or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, authority, custom, or usage, performs or is authorized to perform any function, duty, or task in connection with any application, registration, payment of poll tax, or other act requisite to voting in

any general, special, or primary election at which votes are cast for candidates for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the Senate, Member of the House of Representatives, or Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

#### TITLE IV

##### EXTENSION OF POWERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

SEC. 401. [Amends § 105 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. Supp. v. 1975d) by adding a new subsection (h).]

#### TITLE V

##### EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

SEC. 501. [Amends subsections (a) and (d) of section 6 of the Act of September 30, 1950, as amended (20 U.S.C. 241).]

SEC. 502. [Amends section 10 of the Act of September 23, 1950, as amended (20 U.S.C. 640).]

#### TITLE VI

SEC. 601. [Amends section 2004 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1971), as amended by section 131 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957.]

#### TITLE VII

##### SEPARABILITY

SEC. 701. If any provision of this Act is held invalid the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.