



CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR

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PATTY JUDGE  
LT. GOVERNOR

April 20, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 697**, an Act relating to interference with judicial acts, and providing a penalty.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 697

AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERFERENCE WITH JUDICIAL ACTS, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 720.7 INTERFERENCE WITH JUDICIAL ACTS -- PENALTY.

1. As used in this section:

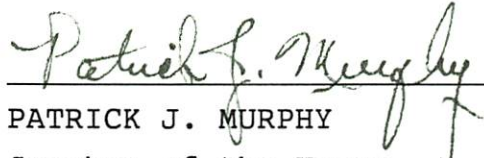
a. "Court employee" means the same as defined in section 602.1101.


b. "Family member" means a spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, grandfather, grandmother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.

c. "Judicial officer" means the same as defined in section 602.1101.


2. A person who harasses a judicial officer, court employee, or a family member of a judicial officer or a court employee in violation of section 708.7, with the intent to interfere with or improperly influence, or in retaliation for,

the official acts of a judicial officer or court employee,  
commits an aggravated misdemeanor.

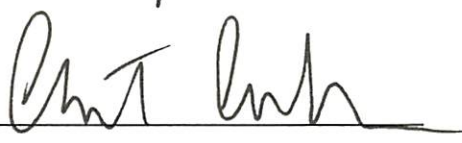
  
PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

  
JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
is known as House File 697, Eighty-third General Assembly.

  
MARK BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor