

Public Law 104–214
104th Congress

An Act

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

Oct. 1, 1996
[H.R. 3120]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1513—

(A) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) If the retaliation occurred because of attendance at or testimony in a criminal case, the maximum term of imprisonment which may be imposed for the offense under this section shall be the higher of that otherwise provided by law or the maximum term that could have been imposed for any offense charged in such case.”;

(2) in section 1512, by adding at the end the following:

“(i) If the offense under this section occurs in connection with a trial of a criminal case, the maximum term of imprisonment which may be imposed for the offense shall be the higher of that otherwise provided by law or the maximum term that could have been imposed for any offense charged in such case.”; and

(3) in section 1503(a), by adding at the end the following:

“If the offense under this section occurs in connection with a trial of a criminal case, and the act in violation of this section involves the threat of physical force or physical force, the maximum term of imprisonment which may be imposed for the offense shall be the higher of that otherwise provided by law or the maximum term that could have been imposed for any offense charged in such case.”.

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