

# SB1970



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2008, by Sen. William R. Haine

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/31-4

from Ch. 38, par. 31-4

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning obstructing justice.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing  
5 Section 31-4 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/31-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 31-4)

7 Sec. 31-4. Obstructing justice. A person obstructs justice  
8 when, with intent to prevent the ~~the~~ apprehension or obstruct  
9 the prosecution or defense of any person, he knowingly commits  
10 any of the following acts:

11 (a) Destroys, alters, conceals or disguises physical  
12 evidence, plants false evidence, furnishes false information;  
13 or

14 (b) Induces a witness having knowledge material to the  
15 subject at issue to leave the State or conceal himself; or

16 (c) Possessing knowledge material to the subject at issue,  
17 he leaves the State or conceals himself.

18 (d) Sentence.

19 (1) Obstructing justice is a Class 4 felony, except as  
20 provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection (d).

21 (2) Obstructing justice in furtherance of streetgang  
22 related or gang-related activity, as defined in Section 10  
23 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention

1 Act, is a Class 3 felony.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-363, eff. 1-1-98.)