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[Title 97. Crimes](#)

[Chapter 45. Computer Crimes and Identity Theft \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

Miss. Code Ann. § 97-45-33

§ 97-45-33. On-line impersonation; offense; penalty

[Currentness](#)

(1) Notwithstanding¹ any other provision of law, any person who knowingly and without consent impersonates another actual person through or on an Internet website or by other electronic means for purposes of harming, intimidating, threatening or defrauding another person is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) For purposes of this section, an impersonation is credible if another person would reasonably believe, or did reasonably believe, that the defendant was or is the person who was impersonated.

(3) For purposes of this section, “electronic means” shall include opening an email account or an account or profile on a social networking Internet website in another person’s name.

(4) A violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days and not more than one (1) year, or both.

(5) This section shall not preclude prosecution under any other provision of law and shall be considered supplemental thereto.

Credits

Added by [Laws 2011, Ch. 340, § 1, eff. July 1, 2011](#).

Footnotes

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As so in original. Probably should be “Notwithstanding”.

Miss. Code Ann. § 97-45-33, MS ST § 97-45-33

The Statutes and Constitution are current through the End of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session and laws from the 2016

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