



Repeal of political offenses—English abstract

1. Articles 151-156 of Israel's Criminal code, defining the "crimes" of illegal assembly and riot, are repealed. These "offenses" allow any police officer to declare any demonstration of 3 or more people illegal, with heavy penalties for those who refuse to disperse immediately.
2. Article 288, "Insulting a Civil Servant," is amended to provide that only an insult directed at a civil servant in his presence, or his workplace or home, designed and intended to deter him from the execution of his duties, is prosecutable. Published, broadcast or internet material and private communications are explicitly exempted.