617.296 PENALTIES; INJUNCTIVE REMEDIES.

Subdivision 1. **Gross misdemeanor.** Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 1a, a violation of any provision of sections 617.291 to 617.297 is a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 1a. **Penalty for display of harmful materials.** A violation of section 617.293, subdivision 2, is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Temporary restraining order or temporary injunction.** Whenever any county attorney, or the attorney general of this state, has reasonable cause to believe that any person within this state is violating sections 617.291 to 617.297, the prosecuting attorney may by verified petition seek a temporary restraining order or temporary injunction in the district court in the county in which the alleged violation occurred. No temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction shall be issued without a prior show cause notice of hearing to the respondents named in the petition, and an opportunity for the respondents to be heard. Personal service of the show cause order and of the petition made as in civil actions on the named respondents, or upon any of their employees or agents found within the state, shall constitute sufficient notice. Such show cause order for hearing may be returnable on the third day from the date of service as to a respondent who is present in this state, and on the fifth day as to a person not a resident or not found within this state.

History: *1969 c 1071 s 6; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 452 s 2,3*