

Subject Solicitations near a polling place

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Summary

This bill provides updates to the law that governs the types of campaign activity that is prohibited in or near a polling place on election day. These activities are commonly referred to as “electioneering.”

As the law is currently written, a person is prohibited from displaying campaign material or posting signs, or otherwise trying to induce or persuade a voter within a polling place or within 100 feet of the building where a polling place is located, or anywhere on public property on which a polling place is located. A person is also prohibited from providing or wearing political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia. In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court heard a challenge to this law and found it to be in violation of the first amendment. This holding was, in part, based on the justices’ determination that the law as written is too vague. See *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky*, 585 U.S. ... , 138 S.Ct. 1876 (2018).

This bill narrows the scope of the prohibitions to instead prohibit, among other things, wearing or exhibiting an item that displays a candidate’s name, likeness, logo, or slogan; a ballot question’s number, title, subject, slogan, or logo; or a political party’s name, likeness, logo, or slogan. The limitations only apply during the hours in which a polling place is open for voting.