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Overview

The bill specifies the specific purposes for which a candidate and workers accompanying a candidate may seek admittance to multiple-unit residential facilities and certain single-family dwellings, and requires that the candidate and workers be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents.

Section

1 **(a) Access Requirement.** Requires that candidates who have filed for election to public office and campaign workers accompanied by a candidate be permitted access to apartment houses, dormitories, nursing homes, manufactured home parks, other multiple unit facilities, and areas with two or more single-family dwellings on private roadways, if:

(1) the candidate is seeking admittance solely to campaign for a candidate, register voters, or get out the vote; and

(2) the candidate and any accompanying campaign workers are within the territory for which the candidate has filed for election.

(b) Literature Drop. Candidates and accompanying campaign workers must be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents.

(c) Penalty . The penalty for violation is a petty misdemeanor.