

HB 332

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Campaign-Free Zone Around Polling Locations

This legislation would reduce the 600-foot radius of a campaign-free zone around polling locations to 100 feet.

There is a campaign-free zone around polling locations to prevent partisan political solicitation.

In the campaign free zone:

- ➔ No one can advocate for or against any candidate, proposition, or political party on the ballot.
- ➔ No one can hand out, place, or display campaign cards, pictures, or other campaign literature of any kind.
- ➔ There can be no displaying political signs, pictures, or other forms of political information.

Why should we reduce the campaign-free zone boundary around polling locations?

- ➔ **600 feet, the length of two football fields, is the largest boundary in the nation and is hard to enforce**, particularly in urban areas where there are often other buildings and land within 600 feet of a polling location. Most states have a 50-150 foot boundary.
- ➔ **The campaign-free zone is not enforced consistently.** This means some parties, candidates, and advocates are able to get closer to voters, while other advocates may be forced to leave the zone. A smaller boundary will make it easier to enforce the law consistently.
- ➔ Although the campaign-free zone boundary does not apply to nonpartisan actors, **it has been misapplied to be punitive towards voting rights advocates** and people helping community members navigate the voting process.
- ➔ **An overly large campaign free zone is not necessary to deter or enforce against voter intimidation** because there are numerous other areas of state and federal law that prevent this type of action and this overbroad law has become duplicative and confusing for enforcement.



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