

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 715

By: Jech of the Senate

and

Newton of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 7-108 and 16-111, which relate to electioneering; modifying prohibited activities at polling place or voting site; defining terms; modifying elements of certain misdemeanor offense; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 7-108, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-108. A. No person shall be allowed to electioneer within three hundred (300) feet of ~~any ballot box~~ an entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee voting site or a person who is standing in line to vote outside the polling place or voting site while an election is in progress, ~~nor shall any.~~ No person or persons, except election officials, voters registered and voting at

1 the polling place or voting site, minor children or dependents
2 accompanying such voters and other persons authorized by law, shall
3 be allowed inside the election enclosure or within fifty (50) feet
4 of ~~any ballot box~~ an entrance to a polling place or in-person
5 absentee voting site while an election is in progress. No printed
6 material other than that provided by the election board shall be
7 publicly placed or exposed within three hundred (300) feet of ~~any~~
8 ~~ballot box,~~ an entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee
9 voting site while an election is in progress.

10 B. For purposes of this title:

11 1. "Electioneering" means:

- 12 a. advocating directly for or against a candidate or
13 question that is on the ballot at the election, either
14 verbally or with visual materials, signs or clothing,
15 or
16 b. collecting signatures for a petition to place an issue
17 or question on a future ballot; and

18 2. "Election enclosure" means the areas of a polling place or
19 in-person absentee voting site where voters sign the precinct
20 registry and are issued ballots, where voting booths are located,
21 where a voting device or ballot box is located, and any room,
22 hallway or other space wherein such activities take place.

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 16-111, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 16-111. Any person who electioneers within three
2 hundred (300) feet of ~~any ballot box~~ an entrance to a polling place
3 or in-person absentee voting site or a person who is standing in
4 line to vote outside the polling place or voting site while an
5 election is in progress, and any person except election officials,
6 voters registered and voting at the polling place or voting site,
7 minor children or dependents accompanying such voters and other
8 persons authorized by law who remains within fifty (50) feet of ~~any~~
9 ~~ballot box~~ an entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee
10 voting site while an election is in progress shall be deemed guilty
11 of a misdemeanor.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

13
14 58-1-8070 LRB 04/06/21
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24