

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 715

By: Jech of the Senate

3 and

4 Newton of the House

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

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

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

15 Section 7-108. A. No person shall be allowed to electioneer
16 within three hundred (300) feet of ~~any ballot box~~ the entrance to a
17 polling place or in-person absentee voting site or a person who is
18 standing in line to vote outside the polling place or voting site
19 while an election is in progress, ~~nor shall any.~~ No person or
20 persons, except election officials, voters registered and voting at
21 the polling place or voting site, a minor child or dependent
22 accompanying such voters and other persons authorized by law, shall
23 be allowed inside the election enclosure or within fifty (50) feet
24 of ~~any ballot box~~ the entrance to a polling place or in-person
absentee voting site while an election is in progress. No printed

1 material other than that provided by the election board shall be
2 publicly placed or exposed within three hundred (300) feet of ~~any~~
3 ~~ballot box~~, the entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee
4 voting site while an election is in progress.

5 B. For purposes of this title:

6 1. "Electioneering" means:

- 7 a. advocating directly for or against a candidate or
8 question that is on the ballot at the election, either
9 verbally or with visual materials, signs or clothing,
10 or
11 b. collecting signatures for a petition to place an issue
12 or question on a future ballot; and

13 2. "Election enclosure" means the areas of a polling place
14 where voters sign the precinct registry and are issued ballots,
15 where voting booths are located, where a voting device or ballot box
16 is located, and any room, hallway or other space wherein such
17 activities take place.

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

20 Section 16-111. Any person who electioneers within three
21 hundred (300) feet of ~~any ballot box~~ the entrance to a polling place
22 or in-person absentee voting site or a person who is standing in
23 line to vote outside the polling place or voting site while an
24 election is in progress, and any person except election officials,

1 voters registered and voting at the polling place or voting site, a
2 minor child or dependent accompanying such voters and other persons
3 authorized by law who remains within fifty (50) feet of ~~any ballot~~
4 ~~box~~ the entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee voting
5 site while an election is in progress shall be deemed guilty of a
6 misdemeanor.

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

8 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2021.

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11 Presiding Officer of the Senate

12 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
13 2021.

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