

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 1112

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, 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. 2021, 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~~ inside any polling place or in-person absentee voting site while an election is in progress, ~~nor shall any.~~ No person or persons, except election officials, voters registered and voting at the polling place or voting site, a minor child or dependent accompanying such voters and other persons authorized by law, shall be allowed inside the election enclosure or within fifty (50) feet of any ballot box the entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee voting site while an election is in progress. No printed material other than that

1 provided by the election board shall be publicly placed or exposed  
2 ~~within three hundred (300) feet of any ballot box,~~ inside any  
3 polling place or in-person absentee voting site while an election is  
4 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. 2021, 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~~ inside a polling place or in-  
22 person absentee voting site or to a person who is standing in line  
23 to vote outside the polling place or voting site while an election  
24 is in progress, and any person except election officials, voters

1 registered and voting at the polling place or voting site, a minor  
2 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, 2023.

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