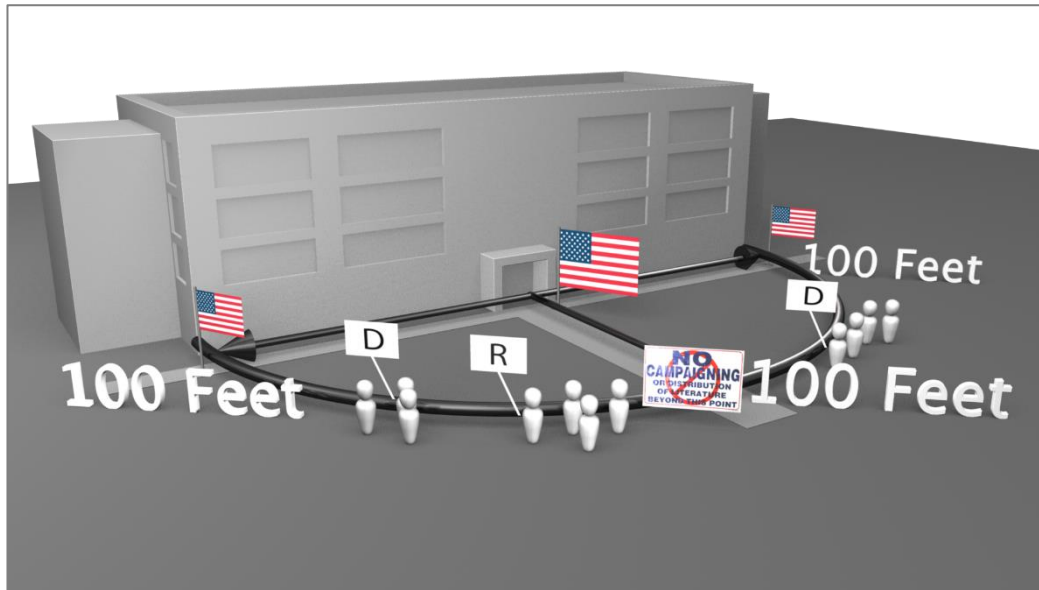


# NO CAMPAIGNING/NEUTRAL ZONE

Precinct Election Officials must place American flags 100 feet from the door used for voters entering the building to mark the 100 foot No Campaigning/Neutral Zone. All campaigners and campaign materials must be situated at least 100 feet from the Polling Location entrance. No one may loiter, congregate, or engage in any kind of election campaigning. Individuals permitted within the 100 feet include Election Officials, Observers, Police Officers, Exit Pollsters, and voters waiting to mark, marking, or casting their ballots.



## PERMITTED:

- Campaigners are permitted to hand out literature outside of the 100 foot No Campaigning/Neutral Zone.
- Campaigners are permitted to speak to voters outside of the 100 foot No Campaigning/Neutral Zone.
- Voters can bring literature into the location as long as they keep it with them and do not display it to other voters.
- Exit pollsters are permitted to speak to voters inside the 100 feet No Campaigning/Neutral Zone, however they may NOT enter the polling location, interfere with or disrupt the election. They may not wear anything that can be considered campaigning for or against any candidate or issue on the ballot.

## PROHIBITED:

- Attempting to hinder or delay any voter from reaching or leaving the polling location;
- Soliciting or attempting to influence any voter in casting his vote in any manner;
  - This includes any kind of incentives (e.g. money, food, favors, etc.)
- Placing literature on vehicles parked within the 100 feet No Campaigning/Neutral Zone;
- Giving or exhibiting any ballot, including one which the voter intends to cast, except to an official of the election; and
- Entering the room where voting is occurring during the election, except to vote or conduct the election.

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### **3501.35 No loitering or congregating near polling places.**

(A) During an election and the counting of the ballots, no person shall do any of the following:

(1) Loiter, congregate, or engage in any kind of election campaigning within the area between the polling place and the small flags of the United States placed on the thoroughfares and walkways leading to the polling place, and if the line of electors waiting to vote extends beyond those small flags, within ten feet of any elector in that line;

(2) In any manner hinder or delay an elector in reaching or leaving the place fixed for casting the elector's ballot;

(3) Give, tender, or exhibit any ballot or ticket to any person other than the elector's own ballot to the precinct election officials within the area between the polling place and the small flags of the United States placed on the thoroughfares and walkways leading to the polling place, and if the line of electors waiting to vote extends beyond those small flags, within ten feet of any elector in that line;

(4) Exhibit any ticket or ballot which the elector intends to cast;

(5) Solicit or in any manner attempt to influence any elector in casting the elector's vote.

(B)

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section and division (C) of section 3503.23 of the Revised Code, no person who is not an election official, employee, observer, or police officer shall be allowed to enter the polling place during the election, except for the purpose of voting or assisting another person to vote as provided in section 3505.24 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a journalist shall be allowed reasonable access to a polling place during an election. As used in this division, "journalist" has the same meaning as in division (B)(2) of section 2923.129 of the Revised Code.

(C) No more electors shall be allowed to approach the voting shelves at any time than there are voting shelves provided.

(D) The precinct election officials and the police officer shall strictly enforce the observance of this section.

Amended by 130th General Assembly File No. 47, SB 109, §1, eff. 2/25/2014.

Amended by 130th General Assembly File No. 4, SB 10, §1, eff. 6/26/2013.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 105, SB 295, §1, eff. 8/15/2012.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 40, HB 194, §1 Made subject to referendum in the Nov. 6, 2012 election. The version of this section thus amended was repealed by 129th General Assembly File No. 105, SB 295, §1, eff. 8/15/2012.

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