

HOUSE BILL No. 4856

September 28, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Basham, Bogardus, DeHart, Schermesser and Sanborn and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

by amending section 744 (MCL 168.744), as amended by 1995 PA 261.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 744. (1) An election inspector or any other person in
- 2 the polling room or in a compartment connected to the polling
- 3 room or within $\frac{100}{100}$ 50 feet from any entrance to the building in
- 4 which the polling place is located shall not persuade or endeavor
- 5 to persuade a person to vote for or against any particular candi-
- 6 date or party ticket, or for or against any ballot question that
- 7 is being voted on at the election. A person shall not place or
- 8 distribute stickers, other than stickers provided by the election
- 9 officials pursuant to law, in the polling room or in a
- 10 compartment connected to the polling room or within -100 50 feet

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- $oldsymbol{1}$ from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is
- 2 located.
- 3 (2) A person shall not solicit donations, gifts, contribu-
- 4 tions, purchase of tickets, or similar demands, or request or
- 5 obtain signatures on petitions in the polling room or in a com-
- **6** partment connected to the polling room or within $\frac{100}{100}$ 50 feet
- 7 from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is
- 8 located.
- **9** (3) On election day, a person shall not post, display, or
- 10 distribute in a polling place, in any hallway used by voters to
- 11 enter or exit a polling place, or within $\frac{100}{100}$ 50 feet of an
- 12 entrance to a building in which a polling place is located any
- 13 material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an elec-
- 14 tion, a candidate, or a ballot question. This subsection does
- 15 not apply to official material that is required by law to be
- 16 posted, displayed, or distributed in a polling place on election
- **17** day.
- 18 (4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a
- 19 misdemeanor.