## **SENATE BILL No. 1450**

September 14, 2006, Introduced by Senators GOSCHKA and BIRKHOLZ and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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 the
- 2 polling room or in a compartment connected to the polling room or
- 3 within 100 feet from any entrance to the building in which the
- 4 polling place is located shall not persuade or endeavor to persuade
- 5 a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or party
- 6 ticket, or for or against any ballot question that is being voted
- 7 on at the election. A person shall not place or distribute
- 8 stickers, other than stickers provided by the election officials
  - pursuant to law, in the polling room or in a compartment connected

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- 1 to the polling room or within 100 feet from any entrance to the
- 2 building in which the polling place is located.
- 3 (2) A person shall not solicit donations, gifts,
- 4 contributions, purchase of tickets, or similar demands, or request
- 5 or obtain signatures on petitions in the polling room or in a
- 6 compartment connected to the polling room or within 100 feet from
- 7 any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located.
- 8 (3) On election day, a person shall not post, display, or
- 9 distribute in a polling place, in any hallway used by voters to
- 10 enter or exit a polling place, or within 100 feet of an entrance to
- 11 a building in which a polling place is located any material that
- 12 directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate,
- 13 or a ballot question. This subsection does not apply to official
- 14 material that is required by law to be posted, displayed, or
- 15 distributed in a polling place on election day.
- 16 (4) ON ELECTION DAY, A PERSON SHALL NOT USE, OPERATE, OR
- 17 POSSESS IN A POLLING PLACE, IN ANY HALLWAY USED BY VOTERS TO ENTER
- 18 OR EXIT A POLLING PLACE, OR WITHIN 100 FEET OF AN ENTRANCE TO A
- 19 BUILDING IN WHICH A POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED A TELEVISION, RADIO,
- 20 OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING OR DISPLAYING
- 21 ANY MATERIAL THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY MAKES REFERENCE TO AN
- 22 ELECTION, A CANDIDATE, OR A BALLOT QUESTION.
- 23 (5) -(4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a
- 24 misdemeanor.