

PART 6: CRIMINAL ACTS AND PENALTIES

Acts Prohibited On Election Day

Between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., no person shall perform or cause to be performed any of the following acts within any polling place being used in an election on Election Day, or within a radius of 600 feet of the entrance to any polling place on Election Day:

1. To solicit in any manner or by any means whatsoever any other person to vote for or against any candidate or proposition being voted on in such election.
2. To remain within any polling place or within a radius of 600 feet of the entrance of any polling place, except when exercising the right to vote, after having been directed, in writing, by an election commissioner or law enforcement officer to leave the premises or area of a polling place.
3. To hand out, place, or display campaign cards, pictures, or other campaign literature of any kind or description whatsoever pertaining to matters on the day's ballot.
4. To place or display political signs, pictures, or other forms of political advertising pertaining to matters on the day's ballot.
5. No commissioner or watcher shall carry or possess a firearm while present in the polling place.
6. Possess any alcoholic beverage in a polling place after having been directed by a commissioner or law enforcement officer assisting at the polls to remove or dispose of the beverage.
7. Appear at a polling place in an intoxicated condition.
8. Intimidate a person by the use of violence, force, or threats with the intent to influence that person's decision to vote, or to impede such person's entrance or departure from a polling place.
9. These provisions do not prohibit the placing and displaying, either by the owner, lessee, or lawful occupant thereof, or with the consent of such owner, lessee, or occupant, of political signs or pictures on PRIVATE PROPERTY which is not being used as a polling place.
10. These provisions do not prohibit any appointed election commissioner or any official watcher from remaining in and about the polling place in which he was selected to serve. However, no appointed election official shall wear any badge, button, pin, or other insignia identifying him with any political candidate or faction, nor shall any such official in any manner attempt to influence any voter to vote for or against any candidate or proposition being voted on in the election being held in that polling place.
11. **The duly constituted law enforcement officers of the political subdivision in which any election is being held shall enforce these provisions when requested to by the commissioners. The commissioners at the polling places likewise shall enforce these provisions. Law enforcement officers and commissioners are authorized to seize, remove, and destroy any political cards, signs, pictures, or literature being used or displayed in violation of any of the provisions hereof.**

Penalty: A fine of up to \$500, up to six months imprisonment or both. On a second offense or subsequent offense, a fine of up to \$1000, up to one year imprisonment or both.