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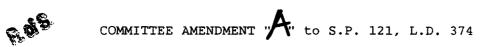


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20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 121, L.D. 374, Bill, "An Act To Create a Protected Zone around the Voting Place"
22	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
24	the following:
26	'An Act Regarding the Voting Place'
	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.
28	Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of
30	paragraph D and inserting in its place the following:
32	'D. These limitations do not prohibit the collection of
34	signatures on petitions to place a direct initiative or referendum on the ballot at a future election or the
31	opposition to the collection of these signatures, subject to
36	the following restrictions:
38	(1) If there is sufficient space in the voting place
40	to accommodate the collection of signatures in addition to the required election day activities, the warden
	shall select and designate a specific location in the
42	voting place where such activity is permitted. This location must be outside the quardrail enclosure and
44	must be accessible and observable by voters. It must
46	<pre>be large enough to accommodate an opponent to the petition who requests access to the polling place as well as the petition circulator;</pre>
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50	(2) Petition circulators must notify the municipal clerk by noon of the day before election day that they

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wish to collect signatures on election day;



2	(3) The warden shall limit to one each the number of
	petition circulators and opponents for each specific
4	question or issue;
6	(4) The warden shall designate the location for each
	petition according to the order in which the circulator
8	of each petition arrives at the voting place but must
	allow a person opposing a particular petition who
10	requests access to locate next to that petition. If
	there is limited space within the voting place for
12	signature collection, a particular petition circulator
	and an opponent to that petition who requests access
14	must both be located either inside or outside the
	voting place;
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	(5) A petition circulator or opponent may not approach
18	a voter or collect a voter's signature until after the
	voter has completed voting;
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	(6) A petition circulator or opponent may not disrupt
22	the free passage of voters into and out of the voting
	place and the guardrail enclosure;
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	(7) Advertising may not be displayed regarding a
26	petition, except that a petition circulator and
	opponent may each display a sign containing the
28	petition title or question, with a designation that the
	person is in favor of or opposed to that petition;
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	(8) A petition circulator or opponent may distribute
32	literature related to a particular petition to voters
	only after they have voted, as long as the literature
34	distribution does not violate subsection 2;
36	(9) A petition circulator or opponent may not
	communicate with voters in a manner that could
38	influence voters who have not yet voted regarding
	another question or a candidate that is on the ballot
40	for the election that day:
42	(10) A petition circulator or opponent may not
	obstruct, disrupt or otherwise interfere with the
44	other's ability to communicate with voters concerning
4.4	the petition; and
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	(11) The warden may direct the removal of any petition
48	circulator or opponent who does not comply with the
	requirements of this paragraph or of section 662.

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Further amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 3 in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "registrar's office" and inserting in its place the following: 'building in which the registrar's office is located'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 8 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 3, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "clerk's office" and inserting in its place the following: 'building in which the clerk's office is located'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 8 in the 2nd paragraph in the last line (page 3, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "clerk's office" and inserting in its place the following: 'building in which the clerk's office is located'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of the bill and replaces the section of the bill that places those collecting signatures for petitions a minimum of 25 feet outside the voting place with guidelines for the presence of petitioners at the voting place, including allowing space for those who oppose the petition for which signatures are being collected.

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