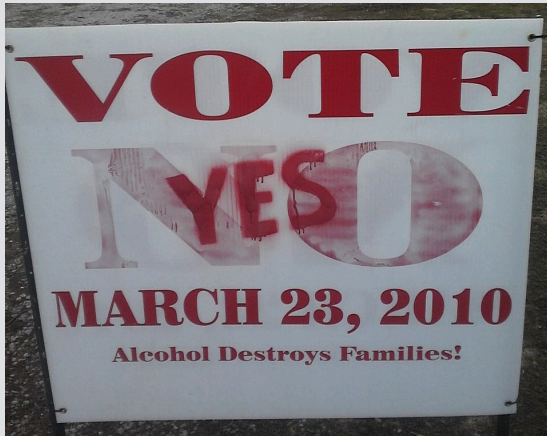


HB33: Political Signs Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Teuscher



BACKGROUND

- Current campaign sign laws can be unclear and lead to shenanigans with political signs that misrepresent candidates and issues.
- There is no specific deadline in the state code for removing political signs after elections.
- In the case of violations, it is unclear whether remedying the offense could lead to criminal penalties.

HB33 ensures standards for political signs used for campaigns and ballot issues are clear and fair.

What does HB33 do?

- **Protects political integrity:** Clarifies prohibitions on placing objects or stickers onto a political sign to block, conceal, or misrepresent the message or image.
- **Clarifies existing law:** Prohibits placing signs on utility poles/boxes within state code.
- **Creates tools to remedy violations:** Allows for the removal of vandalism and the removal of signs in violation of the code.
- **Keeps public spaces safe and tidy:** Requires signs to be removed within 14 days of the election.
- **Ensures Transparency:** Requires financial disclosure on signs that are 18x24 in. or larger.
- **Reduces Campaign Costs:** Allows candidates to collect signs that were in violation of the code.

