

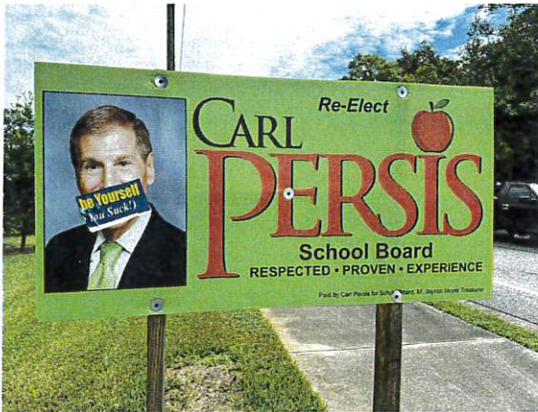
HB33: Political Signs Amendments

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BACKGROUND

- Current campaign sign laws can be unclear and lead to shenanigans with signs that misrepresent candidates and issues.
- In the case of violations, it is unclear whether remedying the offense could lead to criminal penalties.
- Local political sign laws in counties and cities differ, causing confusion about what is allowed.



HB33 ensures that the standard for political signs that are used for campaigns and ballot issues is 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:** Consistent with city ordinances, prohibits placing signs on utility poles and electrical boxes.
- **Creates tools to remedy violations:** Allows for 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.
- **Increases Transparency:** Requires a "Paid for by..." disclosure on signs that are 18x24 inches or larger.
- **Reduces Campaign Costs:** Allows candidates to collect signs that were confiscated by cities and counties.

