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Chapter 17 Political Campaign Signs

20A-17-101 Title.

This chapter is known as "Political Campaign Signs."

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20A-17-102 Campaign signs.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person knowingly removes, alters, defaces, or otherwise vandalizes a sign:
 - (a) advocating the election or defeat of a candidate for public office; or
 - (b) advocating the approval or defeat of a ballot proposition.
- (2) A person is not guilty of a violation of Subsection (1) if the person who engages in the conduct described in Subsection (1) is:
 - (a) as it relates to a sign described in Subsection (1)(a), the candidate or an agent of the candidate;
 - (b) as it relates to a sign described in Subsection (1)(b), the person who placed the sign, the person who directed the placement of the sign, or an agent of either;
 - (c) a property owner of property on which the sign is placed or the property owner's agent; or
 - (d) a public official who removes the sign in accordance with an official duty of the public official.

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20A-17-103 Posting political signs on public property.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Local government entity" means:
 - (i) a county, municipality, or other political subdivision;
 - (ii) a special district, as defined in Section 17B-1-102;
 - (iii) a special service district, as defined in Section 17D-1-102;
 - (iv) a local building authority, as defined in Section 17D-2-102;
 - (v) a conservation district, as defined in Section 17D-3-102;
 - (vi) an independent entity, as defined in Section 63E-1-102;
 - (vii) a public corporation, as defined in Section 63E-1-102;
 - (viii) a public transit district, organized under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Public Transit District Act;
 - (ix) a school district;
 - (x) a public school, including a charter school or other publicly funded school;
 - (xi) a state institution of higher education;
 - (xii) an entity that expends public funds; and
 - (xiii) each office, agency, or other division of an entity described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (xii).
 - (b) "Political sign" means any sign or document that advocates:
 - (i) the election or defeat of a candidate for public office; or
 - (ii) the approval or defeat of a ballot proposition.
 - (c)

- (i) "Public property" means any real property, building, or structure owned or leased by a local government entity.
 - (ii) "Public property" does not include any real property, building, or structure during a period of time that the real property, building, or structure is rented out by a government entity to a private party for a meeting, convention, or similar event.
- (2) A local government entity, a local government officer, a local government employee, or another person with authority or control over public property that posts or permits a person to post a political sign on public property:
- (a) shall permit any other person to post a political sign on the public property, subject to the same requirements and restrictions imposed on all other political signs permitted to be posted on the public property; and
 - (b) may not impose a requirement or restriction on the posting of a political sign if the requirement or restriction is not politically neutral and content neutral.

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