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**20A-3a-501 Prohibited conduct at polling place -- Other prohibited activities.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "electioneering" includes any oral, printed, or written attempt to persuade persons to refrain from voting or to vote for or vote against any candidate or issue; and
  - (b) "polling place" means the physical place where ballots are cast and includes the physical place where a ballot drop box is located.
- (2)
  - (a) An individual may not, within a polling place or in any public area within 150 feet of the building where a polling place is located:
    - (i) do any electioneering;
    - (ii) circulate cards or handbills of any kind;
    - (iii) solicit signatures to any kind of petition; or
    - (iv) engage in any practice that interferes with the freedom of voters to vote or disrupts the administration of the polling place.
  - (b) A county, municipality, school district, or local district may not prohibit electioneering that occurs more than 150 feet from the building where a polling place is located, but may regulate the place and manner of that electioneering to protect the public safety.
- (3)
  - (a) An individual may not obstruct the doors or entries to a building in which a polling place is located or prevent free access to and from any polling place.
  - (b) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal law enforcement officer shall prevent the obstruction of the entrance to a polling place and may arrest an individual creating an obstruction.
- (4) An individual may not solicit any voter to show the voter's ballot.
- (5)
  - (a) An individual may not knowingly possess or control another individual's voted manual ballot, unless:
    - (i) the individual is an election official or postal worker acting in the capacity of an election official or postal worker;
    - (ii) the individual possesses or controls the voted ballot in accordance with Section 20A-3a-301, relating to emergency ballots;
    - (iii) the possession or control is authorized in order to deliver a military-overseas ballot in accordance with Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
    - (iv) subject to Section 20A-3a-208, the individual is authorized by a voter to possess or control the voter's voted ballot if the voter needs assistance delivering the ballot due to the voter's age, illness, or disability; or
    - (v) the individual resides in the same household as the voter.
  - (b) A violation of Subsection (5)(a) does not invalidate the ballot.
- (6) An individual who violates any provision of this section is, in addition to the penalties described in Subsections 20A-1-609(2) and (3), guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- (7) A political subdivision may not prohibit political signs that are located more than 150 feet away from a polling place, but may regulate their placement to protect public safety.