

SENATE BILL NO. 567

June 4, 1997, Introduced by Senators GEAKE, STILLE, STEIL,
GOUGEON, EMMONS and ROGERS and referred to the Committee
on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 744a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 744A. (1) IN ADDITION TO HIS OR HER OTHER DUTIES UNDER
2 THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PRINT OR CAUSE TO BE
3 PRINTED A SIGN PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE ADE-
4 QUATE NUMBERS OF THE SIGNS TO ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR POSTING IN
5 PRECINCTS ON THE DAY AN ELECTION IS HELD IN THAT PRECINCT. THE
6 SIGN REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOW-
7 ING INFORMATION:
8 (A) A NOTICE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
9 "CAMPAIGNING AT ANY POLLING PLACE IS A VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN
10 ELECTION LAW, PURSUANT TO MCL 168.744."

1 (B) A STATEMENT THAT INDICATES THAT CAMPAIGNING IS
2 PROHIBITED IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

3 (i) IN THE POLLING ROOM.

4 (ii) IN A COMPARTMENT CONNECTED TO THE POLLING ROOM.

5 (iii) WITHIN 100 FEET FROM AN ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING IN
6 WHICH THE POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED.

7 (iv) IN A HALLWAY USED BY VOTERS TO ENTER OR EXIT A POLLING
8 PLACE.

9 (C) A STATEMENT THAT INDICATES THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
10 CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED IN THE POLLING PLACE AND AREAS
11 DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (B):

12 (i) PERSUADING A PERSON TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST ANY PARTICU-
13 LAR CANDIDATE, PARTY TICKET, OR BALLOT QUESTION.

14 (ii) PLACING OR DISTRIBUTING STICKERS, OTHER THAN STICKERS
15 PROVIDED BY THE ELECTION OFFICIALS.

16 (iii) SOLICITING DONATIONS, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, PURCHASE
17 OF TICKETS, OR SIMILAR DEMANDS.

18 (iv) REQUESTING OR OBTAINING SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS.

19 (v) POSTING, DISPLAYING, OR DISTRIBUTING ANY MATERIAL THAT
20 MAKES REFERENCE TO AN ELECTION, A CANDIDATE, OR A BALLOT QUES-
21 TION, OTHER THAN MATERIAL REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE POSTED, DIS-
22 PLAYED, OR DISTRIBUTED IN A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

23 (D) A STATEMENT THAT INDICATES THAT A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN
24 PROHIBITED CONDUCT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

25 (2) IN ADDITION TO HIS OR HER OTHER DUTIES UNDER THIS ACT,
26 AN ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL POST OR CAUSE TO BE POSTED A SIGN
27 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1). THE SIGNS SHALL BE

1 CONTINUOUSLY POSTED WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN. A SIGN SHALL BE
2 POSTED IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, AS APPLICABLE TO THAT
3 PRECINCT:

4 (A) INSIDE THE POLLING ROOM.

5 (B) IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE POLLING ROOM WHERE VOTERS ENTER
6 THE POLLING ROOM.

7 (C) IN A HALLWAY USED BY VOTERS TO ENTER OR EXIT A POLLING
8 PLACE.

9 (D) AT EVERY ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING IN WHICH THE POLLING
10 PLACE IS LOCATED.

11 (3) THE ELECTION INSPECTOR WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIR-
12 PERSON UNDER SECTION 674 SHALL INSPECT THE POLLING PLACE AND
13 AREAS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(B) AND SHALL REMOVE PROHIBITED
14 CAMPAIGN MATERIALS. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL CONDUCT AN INSPECTION
15 OF THE POLLING PLACE AND SURROUNDINGS JUST BEFORE THE POLLS ARE
16 OPEN ON ELECTION DAY AND AT A MINIMUM INTERVAL OF EVERY 2 HOURS
17 UNTIL THE POLLS ARE CLOSED.

18 (4) A DESIGNATED CHALLENGER IN THE PRECINCT WHO HAS THE
19 AUTHORITY TO INITIATE A CHALLENGE UNDER SECTION 730 MAY REMOVE
20 PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN MATERIALS ON ELECTION DAY. A CHALLENGER WHO
21 REMOVES PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN MATERIAL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
22 IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE REMOVED ITEMS TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
23 ELECTION INSPECTORS.