

## Wearing Campaign Articles on Election Day

In recent days there have been questions regarding whether voters will be turned away at the polls on Election Day if they are wearing campaign material (shirts, buttons, etc.).

Below is the law that pertains to campaigning in a polling place. Please refer to subsection three (3) as it relates to displaying material that makes reference to a candidate.

Detroit voters will **NOT** be turned away from the polling place, they will be asked to remove a button or cover a shirt displaying candidate or proposal information, **but they absolutely will be allowed to vote.**

### **Michigan Election Law**

#### **168.744 Prohibited acts; violation as misdemeanor.**

Sec. 744.

(1) An election inspector or any other person in the polling room or in a compartment connected to the polling room or within 100 feet from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located shall not persuade or endeavor to persuade a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or party ticket, or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election. A person shall not place or distribute stickers, other than stickers provided by the election officials pursuant to law, in the polling room or in a compartment connected to the polling room or within 100 feet from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located.

(2) A person shall not solicit donations, gifts, contributions, purchase of tickets, or similar demands, or request or obtain signatures on petitions in the polling room or in a compartment connected to the polling room or within 100 feet from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located.

**(3) On election day, a person shall not post, display, or distribute in a polling place, in any hallway used by voters to enter or exit a polling place, or within 100 feet of an entrance to a building in which a polling place is located any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question. This subsection does not apply to official material that is required by law to be posted, displayed, or distributed in a polling place on Election Day.**

(4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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