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An Act To Limit Campaigning at Polling Places

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 447, §22, is amended to read:

2-A. Application. This subsection governs the application of ~~subsection~~subsections 2 and 4-A.

A. ~~Subsection~~Subsections 2 does and 4-A do not apply to pollwatchers, who may remain in the voting place outside the guardrail enclosure as long as they do not attempt to influence voters or interfere with their free passage.

B. Subsection 2 does not prohibit media representatives from conducting an exit poll, as long as they do not solicit voters until after the voters have voted and do not orally communicate with voters in a way that influences a voter's vote.

C. If a person attempts to influence voters or interfere with their free passage, the warden shall have that person removed from the voting place.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Limitation on number of political campaign workers. Only a candidate or one representative from that candidate's political campaign may be present at an entrance to a voting place.

SUMMARY

This bill limits the number of campaign workers allowed at an entrance to a voting place to only the candidate or one representative from the campaign.