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LD 199

I support LD 199 “An Act to Change the Limits on Candidates' Communications with Voters at the Polls“, and it “ought to pass”.

This bill represents a common sense rule change to our election laws. In Eliot Maine, which is the next town over from my town of South Berwick, and which we share voting districts for some political candidates, this issue came up during the last election in November 2024.

Someone claimed to have seen a candidate for state house "point at a sign" when asked by a voter what office he was running for. The election official later set the record straight as there was no candidate sign present. This accusation spurred wild accusations that the candidate had committed a serious act of election interference and should face legal consequences. After further review and clarification by the election official, this whole issue boiled down to a major embarrassment to the town.

It's common sense that when asked, candidates should be able to be polite and respond with what position they are running for. I support LD 199 “An Act to Change the Limits on Candidates' Communications with Voters at the Polls“, and it “ought to pass”.