

State Board of Elections Policy 2009-002

A meeting of the Virginia State Board of Elections was held on June 25, 2009 whereby a policy was proposed and approved by the Board:

Definition of “exhibit other campaign material”

RESOLVED, by the State Board of Elections under its authority to issue rules and regulations to promote the proper administration of election laws and obtain uniformity in the administration of elections pursuant to § 24.2-103, that

The phrase, “it shall be unlawful for any person... to... exhibit... other campaign material” within the Code of Virginia, § 24.2-604 shall be interpreted as:

No person shall show, display, or exhibit any material, object, or item, which has the purpose of expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or issue.

Any person who does so shall be asked by the officers to cease from showing, displaying or exhibiting the material, object, or item, or to remove or cover it until they leave the prohibited area and polling place.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any person from bringing but not exhibiting any campaign material within 40 feet of any entrance of any polling place. *Nor shall it prohibit a person who approaches or enters the polling place for the purpose of voting from wearing a shirt, hat, or other apparel on which a candidate’s name or a political slogan appears or from having a sticker or button attached to his apparel on which a candidate’s name or a political slogan appears.*

This policy overturns State Board of Elections Policy 2008-007.

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