

HOUSE BILL No. 2256

By Committee on Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; dealing with the crime of electioneering;
2 amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-2430 and repealing the existing
3 section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-2430 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 25-2430. (a) Electioneering is knowingly attempting to persuade
8 or influence eligible voters to vote for or against a particular candidate,
9 party or question submitted. Electioneering includes wearing, exhibiting or
10 distributing labels, signs, posters, stickers or other materials that clearly
11 identify a candidate in the election or clearly indicate support or opposition
12 to a question submitted election *or gathering signatures or otherwise*
13 *circulating a petition regardless of the subject matter* within any polling
14 place on election day or advance voting site during the time period
15 allowed by law for casting a ballot by advance voting or within a radius of
16 ~~250~~ 100 feet from the entrance thereof. Electioneering shall not include:

17 (1) Bumper stickers affixed to a motor vehicle that is used to
18 transport voters to a polling place or to an advance voting site for the
19 purpose of voting; *or*

20 (2) *wearing, exhibiting or distributing labels, signs, posters, stickers*
21 *or other materials that clearly identify a candidate in the election or*
22 *clearly indicate support or opposition to a question submitted election at a*
23 *location separated from the polling place or advance voting site by a*
24 *public street, road or highway.*

25 (b) As used in this section, "advance voting site" means the central
26 county election office or satellite advance voting sites designated as such
27 pursuant to ~~subsection (c) of~~ K.S.A. 25-1122(c), and amendments thereto,
28 and adult care homes and hospital based care units at the time of an
29 election participating in the voting procedures prescribed in K.S.A. 2016
30 Supp. 25-2812, *and amendments thereto.*

31 (c) Electioneering is a class C misdemeanor.

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-2430 is hereby repealed.

33 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.