2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462(A)(4), relative to acts prohibited during early voting or 3 on election day; to prohibit the wearing of campaign apparel; to provide for 4 penalties; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1462(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §1462. Acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; electioneering; 8 intimidation; exceptions; enforcement; penalties 9 A. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the right to vote is a right 10 that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government. In order to 11 preserve the integrity of its election process, and to protect the right of citizens to 12 vote freely for the candidates of their choice, the state has a compelling interest in 13 establishing a zone securing polling locations against certain conduct and activities, 14 including voter intimidation, election fraud, confusion, and general disorder, that 15 would interfere with the exercise of the right to vote. The legislature, therefore, 16 enacts this Subsection to provide for a six hundred foot campaign-free zone around 17 polling places to provide to each voter such an environment in which to exercise his 18 right to vote. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it shall be unlawful 19 for any person, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., to perform or cause to 20 be performed any of the following acts within any polling place being used in an 21 election on election day or during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet

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1	of the entrance to any polling place being used in an election on election day or
2	during early voting:
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4	(4) To place, wear, or display political signs, <u>campaign apparel</u> , pictures, or
5	other forms of political advertising which advocate for or against any candidate,
6	proposition, or political party appearing on the ballot in the election.

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