



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5622**

LCO No. 2200

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING FEATURING ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-3331 of the general statutes, as  
2 amended by section 63 of public act 03-241, is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) (1) No incumbent holding office shall, during the three months  
5 preceding an election in which he is a candidate for reelection or  
6 election to another office, use public funds to mail or print flyers or  
7 other promotional materials intended to bring about his election or  
8 reelection.

9 (2) No incumbent holding office, official or employee of the state or  
10 a political subdivision of the state shall authorize the use of public  
11 funds for a television, radio, movie theater, billboard, bus poster,  
12 newspaper or magazine promotional campaign or advertisement,  
13 [which (A)] that features the name, face or voice of [a candidate for  
14 public] an incumbent holding office. [ or (B) promotes the nomination

15 or election of a candidate for public office, during the five-month  
16 period preceding the election being held for the office which the  
17 candidate described in this subdivision is seeking.] No official or  
18 employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state shall  
19 authorize the use of public funds for a television, radio, movie theater,  
20 billboard, bus poster, newspaper or magazine promotional campaign  
21 or advertisement, that promotes the nomination or election of a  
22 candidate for public office, during the five-month period preceding the  
23 election being held for the office that the candidate is seeking.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ban elected officials from paid public advertising.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*