

Summary of Testimony on S.B. 366 on 3/8/10
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- Forbidding our members to work on political campaigns does nothing to insure our impartiality.
- In the end, you have to rely on our professionalism, and on our recusing ourselves if we have a conflict.
- Realistically, given the involvement of the media, we understand that bad ideas sometime become reality.
- Forbidding our members to work on municipal campaigns is punitive without reason.
- The Citizens' Ethics Advisory Board has no jurisdiction in municipal elections.
- The ban will create confusion. Must I quit a Town Committee because my (voluntary) dues constitute support in a municipal election?
- Remove the bar to participating in municipal elections.