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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXTENSION OF THE ACTIVITY DISTANCE
BAN TO EXITS OF POLLING PLACES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 9-19j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2014*):

4 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
5 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
6 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
7 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
8 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance or
9 exit in use as an entry to or exit from the registrars' of voters
10 designated location for election day registration balloting or in any
11 corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside
12 entrance to or exit from such registrars' of voters designated location
13 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
14 approach.

15 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-236 of the general statutes
16 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
17 *July 1, 2014*):

18 (a) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person
19 shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or
20 himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
21 submitted at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer
22 any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a
23 radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance or exit in use as an
24 entry to or exit from any polling place or in any corridor, passageway
25 or other approach leading to or from any such outside entrance to or
26 exit from such polling place or in any room opening upon any such
27 corridor, passageway or approach. Nothing contained in this section
28 shall be construed to prohibit (1) parent-teacher associations or parent-
29 teacher organizations from holding bake sales or other fund-raising
30 activities on the day of any primary, referendum or election in any
31 school used as a polling place, provided such sales or activities shall
32 not be held in the room in which the election booths are located, (2) the
33 registrars of voters from directing the officials at a primary,
34 referendum or election to distribute, within the restricted area,
35 adhesive labels on which are imprinted the words "I Voted Today", or
36 (3) the registrars of voters in a primary, election or referendum from
37 jointly permitting nonpartisan activities to be conducted in a room
38 other than the room in which the election booths are located. The
39 registrars may jointly impose such conditions and limitations on such
40 nonpartisan activity as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly process
41 of voting. The moderator shall evict any person who in any way
42 interferes with the orderly process of voting.

43 (b) (1) The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the
44 seventy-five-foot distance from such entrance or exit. Such markers
45 shall consist of a board resting on an iron rod, which board shall be not
46 less than twelve inches square and painted a bright color and shall
47 bear the figures and letters "75 feet" and the following words: "On the

48 day of any primary, referendum or election no person shall solicit in
49 behalf of or in opposition to another or himself or peddle or offer any
50 ballot, advertising matter or circular to another person or loiter within
51 a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance or exit in use as an
52 entry to or exit from any polling place or in any corridor, passageway
53 or other approach leading from any such outside entrance to or exit
54 from such polling place or in any room opening upon any such
55 corridor, passageway or approach."

56 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
57 subsection, the selectmen may provide the markers required by the
58 provisions of this subsection in effect prior to October 1, 1983, except
59 that in the case of a referendum which is not held in conjunction with
60 an election or a primary, the selectmen shall provide the markers
61 required by subdivision (1) of this subsection.

62 (3) The moderator and the moderator's assistants shall meet at least
63 twenty minutes before the opening of a primary, referendum or an
64 election in the voting district, and shall cause to be placed by a police
65 officer or constable, or such other primary or election official as they
66 select, a suitable number of distance markers. Such moderator or any
67 police officer or constable shall prohibit loitering and peddling of
68 tickets within that distance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	9-19(j)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2014	9-236(a) and (b)

Statement of Purpose:

To make the activity distance ban for polling place entrances applicable to polling place exits.

[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.]