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SB1063: political signs; removal; elections

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Committee on Municipal Oversight & Elections

Overview

Increases the period during which specified political materials are protected from 45 days to 71 days before an election.

History

Knowingly removing, altering or defacing political material including signs, handouts or flyers for a candidate or in support of or against any ballot measure, question or issue is a class 2 misdemeanor. This offense applies during a period of 45 days before a primary election and ends 15 days following the general election. The protection period ends 15 days after the primary election for candidates who do not advance to the general election ([A.R.S. § 16-1019](#)).

Provisions

1. Extends the period during which political materials, including handouts, flyers and signs, for candidates, ballot measures or other matters appearing on the ballot of any election are protected from 45 days to 71 days prior to the election. (Sec. 1)
2. Specifies that signs for a candidate that advances in a primary or first election are protected for 15 days following the general or runoff election. (Sec. 1)
3. Stipulates that signs in support of or in opposition to a ballot measure, question or issue are protected from removal 71 days prior and 15 days following the election they are to appear on. (Sec. 1)
4. Applies the political materials protection period to any election held in Arizona by a city, town, county, school district, special taxing district or other governmental entity. (Sec. 1)
5. Defines *general or runoff election*, *political subdivision*, and *primary or first election*. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

Fiscal Note