

I. CAMPAIGNERS (CAMPAIGN WORKERS AND CANDIDATES)

1. Campaigners **must be** and **stay** at least 40 feet away from **any entrance** to the building in which the polling place is located. This 40-foot "campaign-free" zone is referred to as the "Prohibited Area." Restrictions which apply to the Prohibited Area also apply to polling place itself. Code of Virginia, § 24.2-604.
2. There is no limit to the number of campaigners allowed outside of the Prohibited Area. § 24.2-604.
3. Campaigners **cannot** hinder or delay a person from entering or leaving a polling place. § 24.2-604.
4. Loudspeakers **cannot** be used within 300 feet of any polling place. § 24.2-605.
5. Campaign materials, including sample ballots, may be distributed on Election Day on the property on which a polling place is located and outside of the Prohibited Area. §§ 24.2-310(E), 24.2-604. Only the electoral board may approve exceptions in the limited circumstances described in § 24.2-310(E).^a
6. Campaign signs/posters may not be posted inside the Prohibited Area or polling place. Whether signs/posters can be posted outside of the Prohibited Area may be subject to the management of the property, or local ordinance. (For example, a private organization may be willing to have its building serve as a polling place, but does not allow placement of sign posts in its lawn.)
7. On sample ballots, any official authority statement of a local electoral board or the State Board of Elections must be deleted, and replaced with the publishing candidate's or group's authority statement (or "disclaimer"). § 24.2-622.

For federal offices, the authorization notice required by federal law must be used. For all other offices, the required identification on campaign material is specified in the Code of Virginia. For details, see the State Board of Elections website or call SBE.

8. Samples of any ballot (or part of a ballot) **cannot** be printed on **white or yellow** paper and **must** contain the words SAMPLE BALLOT in type no smaller than twenty-four point. § 24.2-622.
9. The voter is allowed to carry sample ballots and campaign material into the polling place but **must not display** them to other voters. §§ 24.2-622, 24.2-604.
10. No officer of election shall sign or otherwise mark any paper, form, or item, other than one furnished by the State Board, his electoral board, or general registrar, at his polling place during the hours that the polls are open. § 24.2-650.