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- There is no state law regulating roadside campaign signs (outside of the 500 ft. rule on election day) or how long campaign signs can stay up before or after an election.
- Cities, counties, and towns have different ordinances regulating campaign signs. Check with your city, town, or county to determine if there are local rules regulating campaign signs.
- It is unlawful to deface, vandalize, tamper with, or remove a lawfully placed political campaign sign prior to the election without the permission of the candidate or party.

Relevant Code Sections

- **SECTION 7-25-180.** Unlawful distribution of campaign literature.
- **Unlawful distribution of campaign literature:** In accordance with state law, (§7-25-180), it is unlawful for a person to distribute any type of campaign literature or place any political posters within five hundred feet of any entrance used by the voters to enter the polling place, during polling hours on an election day and during the early voting period.
- A candidate may wear within five hundred feet of the polling place a label no larger than four and one-fourth inches by four and one-fourth inches that contains the candidate's name and the office he is seeking. If the candidate enters the polling place, he may not display any of this identification including, but not limited to, campaign stickers or buttons.
- **SECTION 7-25-210.** Vandalizing or removing political campaign sign; exceptions; penalty.
- Reports of sign stealing or vandalizing should be forwarded to the SLED Election Fraud Hotline or the local sheriff.

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