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Polling Place Campaign Restrictions

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Sincerely,

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COMPILER'S NOTE: For general law regarding the subject of this act see T.C.A. 2-7-111.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute cards, handbills, placards, or any other vote solicitation material, or to loiter about for the purpose of soliciting votes for or on behalf of any candidate or cause on the grounds of any polling place.

SECTION 2. As used in this act, "Grounds" means the area within the boundaries of any tract, parcel, or lot of land on which the polling place is situated.

SECTION 3. No special, primary or general election may be held in Montgomery County, Tennessee, unless and until this entire Act has been published in a local newspaper at least (10) ten days prior to the date of any such election. The expense of the publication of the Act shall be paid in like manner as are other expenses.

SECTION 4. Any person violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) in the discretion of the trial court, and costs.

SECTION 5. The Grand Jury in Montgomery County, Tennessee, is hereby vested with inquisitorial powers respecting the enforcement of this Act.

SECTION 6. Officers of election in Montgomery County, the Sheriff of Montgomery County, and the Police of the City of Clarksville are authorized to remove any person or material in violation of this Act.

SECTION 7. Chapter 420 of the Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 197 of the Private Acts of 1963 and all amendments thereto are repealed.

SECTION 8. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Montgomery County by July 1, 1975. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 9. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 8.

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