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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to placement of political material on school
2 property when the school is a polling place and making a
3 penalty applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 56.14, subsection 2, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. (1) Yard signs shall not be placed on any of the
4 following property:

5 (a) Property which adjoins a city, county, or state
6 roadway, sooner than forty-five days preceding a primary or
7 general election and. Yard signs on such property shall be
8 removed within seven days after the primary or general
9 election in which the name of the particular candidate or
10 ballot issue described on the yard sign appears on the ballot.

11 (b) School property, if the school is a polling place.

12 (2) Yard signs are subject to removal by highway
13 authorities as provided in section 319.13, or by county or
14 city law enforcement authorities in a manner consistent with
15 section 319.13. The placement or erection of yard signs shall
16 be exempt from the requirements of chapter 480. Notice may be
17 provided to the chairperson of the appropriate county central
18 committee if the highway authorities are unable to provide
19 notice to the candidate, candidate's committee, or political
20 committee regarding the yard sign.

21 b. This subsection does not prohibit the placement of yard
22 signs on agricultural land owned by individuals or by a family
23 farm operation as defined in section 9H.1, subsections 8, 8A,
24 9, and 10; does not prohibit the placement of yard signs on
25 property owned by private individuals who have rented or
26 leased the property to a corporation, if the prior written
27 permission of the property owner is obtained; and does not
28 prohibit the placement of yard signs on residential property
29 owned by a corporation but rented or leased to a private
30 individual if the prior permission of the renter or lessee is
31 obtained. For the purposes of this chapter, "agricultural
32 land" means agricultural land as defined in section 9H.1.

33 3. a. Published material shall not be placed or worn on
34 or taken to any school property by any person, if the school
35 is a polling place.

1 b. "Published material" means the same as defined in
2 subsection 1.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill amends Code section 56.14, regarding placement of
5 published political material. The bill prohibits placement of
6 yard signs and other political material on school property, if
7 the school is a polling place.

8 Violation of Code section 56.14 is a serious misdemeanor,
9 pursuant to Code section 56.16.

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