

House File 48 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting methods of campaign communications and making
2 penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.401B AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE
1 2 DIALING SYSTEMS AND ARTIFICIAL OR PRERECORDED VOICE CALLS
1 3 PROHIBITED.
1 4 1. A candidate, an authorized representative of a
1 5 candidate, a candidate's committee, or a political committee
1 6 shall not use an automatic telephone dialing system or an
1 7 artificial or prerecorded voice call either in soliciting
1 8 contributions or promoting or opposing the nomination or
1 9 election of a candidate for public office or the passage of a
1 10 constitutional amendment or public measure. As used in this
1 11 section, the term "automatic telephone dialing system" means
1 12 equipment which has the capacity to store or produce telephone
1 13 numbers to be called, using a random or sequential number
1 14 generator, and to dial such numbers.
1 15 2. The penalty in section 68A.701 does not apply to a
1 16 violation of this section.
1 17 EXPLANATION
1 18 This bill prohibits the use of an automatic telephone
1 19 dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice call in
1 20 election or ballot issue campaigns. The prohibition applies
1 21 to candidates, authorized representatives of candidates,
1 22 candidate's committees, and political committees.
1 23 The criminal penalty normally associated with violations of
1 24 Code chapter 68A is made inapplicable to violations of the
1 25 bill. A variety of civil remedies for a violation are
1 26 available in Code section 68B.32D, ranging from a reprimand by
1 27 the ethics and campaign disclosure board to a civil penalty of
1 28 not more than \$2,000.
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