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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to access by a candidate to residential
2 buildings or communities for campaign purposes, and making
3 penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.407 Campaign access to
2 residential properties.

3 1. A candidate, an individual expressly advocating
4 the passage or defeat on a ballot issue, or an individual
5 encouraging people to vote, to register to vote, or to sign
6 a petition addressing a matter of government, shall not be
7 denied access to the general common elements, as defined in
8 section 499B.2, of a residential building with two or more
9 dwelling units, or any of the following types of residential
10 communities:

11 a. A residential community where access is restricted
12 by means of a door, gate, or other type of barrier which is
13 monitored and controlled by a specific individual.

14 b. A residential community where access is not restricted
15 but the streets and walkways are privately owned.

16 2. The granting of this right shall not be construed to
17 require any individual to facilitate or aid in such access
18 where access otherwise may be controlled for security reasons.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill prohibits denying access to the general common
21 elements of an unsecured residential building with two or more
22 dwelling units, to any other type of residential community
23 where access is restricted by means of a door, gate, or other
24 type of barrier which is monitored and controlled by a specific
25 individual, or to a residential community where the streets and
26 walkways are privately owned, to persons who wish to contact
27 the residents for campaign or other election-related purposes.

28 As provided in Code section 68A.701, a willful violation of
29 any provision of the campaign finance law, Code chapter 68A,
30 is a serious misdemeanor punishable by confinement for up to
31 one year and a fine of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875.
32 A variety of civil remedies are also available in Code section
33 68B.32D for a violation of Code chapter 68A or rules of the
34 ethics and campaign disclosure board, ranging from a reprimand
35 to a civil penalty of not more than \$2,000.