

# Electioneering and Signature Gathering within 150 Feet of Voting Location

MGL c.54 §65 • MGL c.56 §29 and §46 • 950 CMR § 52.03(22)(c) and 54.04(22)(c)

Under state statute and regulations, a person may not do anything within 150 feet of a voting location designed to aid or defeat a candidate or question being voted on in that location. The 150-Foot Rule broadly prohibits political and campaign activities in the areas in and around voting locations during voting hours. **State law prohibits signature gathering of any kind within 150 feet of a voting location.** This includes ballot question petitions, candidate nomination papers, and citizens' petitions.

## PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE-

- Holding certain political signs
- Wearing certain political apparel (t-shirts, hats, buttons, pins, stickers, etc.)
- Handing out campaign literature
- Distributing stickers for write-in campaigns
- Shaking hands or otherwise greeting voters (while being a candidate on the ballot)
- Asking voters to vote in a certain manner
- Hindering or interfering with voters who are voting or on their way to vote
- Soliciting signatures on any type of petition – whether or not it pertains to the current election



**ELECTIONEERING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN THE RED CIRCLE AREA OF THE VOTING LOCATION.**