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Alabama

Petitions are explicitly restricted within 30 feet from the polling place.

The law reads:

“17-9-50: Except as electors are admitted to vote and persons to assist them as herein provided, and except for the judge of probate, the sheriff, or his or her deputy, the precinct election officials, and watchers, no person shall be permitted within 30 feet of the door of the building of the polling place.”

“17-17-17: Any person who loiters in, around, or about a polling place on election day for the purpose of discouraging qualified electors from entering the voting place, or from voting, or whoever having voted enters or stands in a line or file of voters waiting to vote, shall be guilty, upon conviction, of a Class C misdemeanor.”

“17-17-55: Any person at a primary election who shall mark the ballot of a voter contrary to the voter's direction or request, or who shall electioneer or attempt to electioneer with a voter or attempt to influence his or her vote by suggestion or otherwise, or who shall afterwards divulge how such elector voted in any race on the ballot, shall be guilty, upon conviction, of a Class A misdemeanor.”



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