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## Montana

Petitioning is explicitly prohibited within 100 feet of polling places.

### The law reads:

"13-35-211. Electioneering -- soliciting information from electors.

(1) A person may not do any electioneering on election day within any polling place or any building in which an election is being held or within 100 feet of any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located, which aids or promotes the success or defeat of any candidate or ballot issue to be voted upon at the election.

(2) A person may not buy, sell, give, wear, or display at or about the polls on an election day any badge, button, or other insignia which is designed or tends to aid or promote the success or defeat of any candidate or ballot issue to be voted upon at the election.

(3) A person within a polling place or any building in which an election is being held may not solicit from an elector, before or after the elector has marked a ballot and returned it to an election judge, information as to whether the elector intends to vote or has voted for or against a candidate or ballot issue."

"44.10.311. ELECTIONEERING - INTERPRETIVE RULE

(1) As used in 13-35-211, MCA, "electioneering" means the solicitation of support or opposition to a candidate or issue to be voted upon at the election or polling place in question, by means of:

(a) Personal persuasion, electronic amplification of the human voice, or the display or distribution of campaign materials.

(b) Offering or distribution of food, drink, or any other material benefit in a manner calculated to encourage recognition, support, or opposition to a candidate or issue.

(c) "Electioneering" does not include the display of ordinary bumper stickers on automobiles."

The Montana Commissioner of Political Practices has also provided guidelines on its [website](http://politicalpractices.mt.gov/content/5campaignfinance/Electioneering100ft.rule.pdf)

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Please be aware they were current as of 2008.



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