

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1683

By: Representatives Cozart, Bragg, Catlett, Dale, D. Douglas, Holcomb, Jean, Scott, Slinkard, Vines
By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES REGARDING
ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES REGARDING
ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-103(a)(9), concerning penalties for miscellaneous misdemeanor offenses, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) A person shall not recklessly operate or use a sound amplification device while making a political speech or electioneering within one thousand feet (1,000') of a building in which a polling place is located and voting is taking place;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-105 is amended to read as follows:

7-6-105. Use of sound equipment – Penalty for interference.

(a) ~~When any~~ If a citizen of Arkansas ~~becomes~~ is a lawful candidate in ~~any a~~ primary or general election ~~and complies with all the laws pertaining thereto, then,~~ the candidate ~~shall be entitled to go into any city, town, municipality, or rural community in Arkansas and may~~ operate his or her acoustical or sound equipment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ~~notwithstanding any town or city ordinance to the contrary in a city, town, municipality, or rural community in Arkansas, unless the candidate is~~



operating the equipment within one thousand feet (1,000') of a building in which a polling place is located and voting is taking place.

(b)(1) Any ~~A~~ person ~~who interferes in any manner~~ shall not interfere with the right granted in this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor ~~a candidate operating acoustical or sound equipment pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.~~

(2) A person who violates subdivision (b)(1) of this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

/s/Cozart