

CHAPTER 278

**ELECTIONS**

**SENATE BILL 93-228**

BY SENATORS Roberts, Wells, Schroeder, Weissmann, R. Powers, and Tebedo;  
also REPRESENTATIVES Jerke, DeGette, Eisenach, Lyle, Pierson, Strom, and Tanner.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING INTERFERENCE WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 13 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**1-13-113. Interference with distribution of election material.** DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE AND ENDING FOUR DAYS AFTER ANY ELECTION, ANY PERSON WHO PREVENTS, HINDERS, OR INTERFERES WITH THE LAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF ANY CARD, PAMPHLET, CIRCULAR, POSTER, HANDBILL, YARD SIGN, OR OTHER WRITTEN MATERIAL RELATING TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION FOR ANY OFFICE OR RELATING TO ANY ISSUE THAT IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS IN ANY ELECTION, OR ANY PERSON WHO REMOVES, DEFACES, OR DESTROYS ANY LAWFULLY PLACED BILLBOARD, SIGN, OR WRITTEN MATERIAL FROM ANY PREMISES TO WHICH IT WAS DELIVERED, COMMITS A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. ANY PERSON FOUND GUILTY OF REMOVING, DEFACING, OR DESTROYING ANY BILLBOARD, SIGN, OR WRITTEN MATERIAL SHALL PAY THE COST OF REPLACEMENT. THE OWNER OF THE PREMISES, AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE OWNER, OR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH ENFORCEMENT OF ANY STATE LAW, ORDINANCE, OR REGULATION MAY REMOVE ANY BILLBOARD, SIGN, OR WRITTEN MATERIAL WITHOUT PENALTY WHEN PLACED WITHOUT PERMISSION OR AUTHORIZATION OF THE OWNER OF SUCH PREMISES, OR IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW OR COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE OR REGULATION, OR WHICH IS IN PLACE AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE AND ENDING FOUR DAYS AFTER ANY ELECTION.

**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1,

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

1993, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 6, 1993