

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Albert L. O'Neil and Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to prohibit poll workers from disseminating literature within one mile of polling places. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT PROHIBITING POLL WORKERS FROM DISSEMINATING LITERATURE WITHIN ONE MILE OF POLLING PLACES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 65 of chapter 54 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently  
3 amended by section 4 of chapter 602 of the acts of 1979, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — At an election  
5 of state or city officers, and of town officers in towns where official  
6 ballots are used, the presiding election officer at each polling place  
7 shall, before the opening of the polls, post at least three cards of  
8 instruction, three cards containing abstracts of the laws imposing  
9 penalties upon voters, three copies of measures to be submitted to  
10 the people, if any, and at least five specimen ballots within the  
11 polling place outside the guard rail, and a copy of each measure to  
12 be submitted to the people in each marking compartment; and no  
13 other poster, card, handbill, placard, picture or circular intended  
14 to influence the action of the voter shall be posted, exhibited,  
15 circulated or distributed in the polling place, in the building where  
16 the polling place is located, on the walls thereof, on the premises on  
17 which the building stands, or within one mile of the building  
18 entrance door to such polling place.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 65 of said chapter 54, as most  
2 recently amended by said section 4 of said chapter 602, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out the second and third paragraphs.

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