

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB224

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 04, 2015

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of Legislative Bill 224 is to make changes to the Election Act.

LB 224 would require the placement of flags on the day of any election to indicate the area within 200 feet of a polling place unless that area is across a public thoroughfare or private property. It would also require the designation of an approximately ten feet by five feet yard-sign zone within the 200 foot area which would allow for any person to display a campaign sign in the zone beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. on the day of the election.

LB 224 would also remove the strict 200 foot polling place prohibition in § 32-1524 for certain election activities. Under LB 224, the 200 foot zone would continue to exist but it would end when it crosses a public thoroughfare or private property. The bill would prohibit any person from removing any lawfully displayed electioneering materials without authorization and make it unlawful for the owner of a building in which a polling place is located to refuse to allow electioneering materials to be lawfully displayed or to allow for the removal of such materials without approval prior to the close of the polls.

Principal Introducer: _____

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