

SB 43 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **43**

AN ACT removing articles of clothing from the definition of electioneering.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows certain articles of clothing supporting a candidate or measure to be worn by a voter in the process of casting his or her vote.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~.  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT removing articles of clothing from the definition of electioneering.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1       1 Electioneering; Wearing of Clothing. Amend RSA 652:16-h, I to read as follows:
- 2           I. Wearing clothing or paraphernalia that displays a candidate's name, likeness, or logo, a
- 3 ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo, a political party's name or logo, or any
- 4 communication that a reasonable person would believe explicitly advocates for or against any
- 5 candidate, political party, or measure.~~[-provided that]~~ A person ***who is*** eligible to vote or register to
- 6 vote in the voting district ~~[who is unable to remove or cover clothing that explicitly advocates for or~~
- 7 ~~against any candidate, political party, or measure,]~~ may wear such clothing in the polling place while
- 8 actively ***and expeditiously*** engaged in the process of registering to vote or while actively ***and***
- 9 ***expeditiously*** engaged in the process of voting
- 10       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.