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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 207 (Senator Pinsky)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Election Law - Prohibited Acts - Walk-Around Services - Application

This bill expands the prohibition against paying for “walk-around services” on election day to include all persons.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The election code prohibits a campaign finance entity, or a person acting on its behalf, to directly or indirectly pay or incur an obligation to pay for walk-around services.

Walk-around services include the following activities performed for money while polls are open:

- distributing campaign material;
- stationing a person, including oneself, or an object, in the path of a voter;
- electioneering or canvassing;
- communicating in any other manner, a voting preference or choice; or

- performing any other service as a poll worker or distributor of sample ballots.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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