

## Distributing Pre-Marked Sample Ballots

### GS 163-165.2(b)

Document Resembling an Official Ballot to Contain Disclaimer. – No person other than a board of elections shall produce or disseminate a document substantially resembling an official ballot unless the document contains on its face a prominent statement that the document was not produced by a board of elections and is not an official ballot.

### Sample Ballots and Campaign Finance Statutes

Sample ballots are considered print media and are therefore required to contain a legend (i.e. "Paid for by [Name of committee]").

If the sample ballot is marked for candidates other than yourself, it must also contain an authorization statement (i.e. "Authorized by [name of candidate], candidate for [name of office]" or "Not authorized by a candidate").

Please refer to the Media/Advertising section of the Campaign Finance Manual for additional information.

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### Campaigning at the Polling Place

### GS 163-166.4

Limitation on activity in the voting place and in a buffer zone around it.

- (a) Buffer Zone. – No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity in the voting place or in a buffer zone which shall be prescribed by the county board of elections around the voting place. In determining the dimensions of that buffer zone for each voting place, the county board of elections shall, where practical, set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed, but in no event shall it set the limit at more than 50 feet or at less than 25 feet.

Please encourage your electioneering group not to use the parking spaces closest to the polling place so that they may be used by the voters.