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Overview

Section

- 1** **Prohibition.** Modifies the existing law governing a candidate's access to an apartment building, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park, or other multiple unit residential facility. Current law prohibits a candidate from being denied access to one of these facilities if the candidate and any workers accompanying the candidate seek access solely for the purpose of campaigning.

The changes: (1) require that a candidate seeking access must have organized a campaign committee, filed a campaign finance report, or filed formally for office; (2) permit access for purposes of campaigning for a candidate or registering voters; and (3) restrict a candidate's access to only those facilities within the territory in which the candidate is running for election.

Only campaign volunteers, rather than campaign workers, would be permitted to accompany a candidate inside a building.

The bill also requires that candidate or accompanying campaign workers be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, in an orderly manner. A candidate campaigning in a nursing home may be required to leave materials at a central location, rather than at each resident's door. A new provision also permits assisted-living facilities to deny access to particular individuals for health reasons.