

# Campaign Election Laws

## OVERVIEW OF SIGNS, LITERATURE, ELECTIONEERING, AND CAMPAIGN FINANCES

### Campaign Signs and Literature

It is important to remember the following:

1. You must have permission from the owner or occupant to place signs on their property.
2. If a person has asked you to not post a sign on their property, either verbally, through writing, or has a sign posted to that effect, it is a misdemeanor to then place signs on the property.
3. Advertising that involves an expenditure must clearly indicate on the communication the person responsible for the communication. Signs must state the person or the committee responsible for the expenditure (e.g. "Paid for by...").
4. Signs cannot be placed on public road right-of-ways. If signs are placed on public road right-of-ways, the agency to whom the right-of-way belongs may remove the signs.

### Electioneering

There are certain crimes associated with electioneering that are found in Chapter 23, Title 18 of the Idaho Code.

The most frequently implicated statute is found in Idaho Code 18-2318 which provides that NO ELECTIONEERING or SOLICITING may take place on the day of any primary, general, or special election, one hundred feet (100') from a polling location.

### Campaign Finance Laws

The laws regarding campaign finance disclosure are called "sunshine laws" since they are intended to shed light on where the candidates receive their financial backing. These disclosure laws are found in Chapter 66, Title 67 of the Idaho Code.

The Bingham County Clerk's Office will provide candidates with information about campaign finance reporting, including forms that must be submitted to the clerk during the course of the election process.

There are certain crimes associated with electioneering that are found in Chapter 23, Title 18 of the Idaho Code.

### Additional Information

Additional information may be found by reviewing the statute discussed herein, or by accessing the Idaho Secretary of State's website at: [www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/eleindex.htm](http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/eleindex.htm).

# BINGHAM



# COUNTY

Information Provided  
by:

**Bingham**  
**Prosecutor's Office**

CLEVE B. COLSON  
Bingham County  
Prosecuting Attorney

501 N. Maple  
Blackfoot, ID 83221

Phone: 208.782.3101  
E-mail:  
[ccolson@co.bingham.id.us](mailto:ccolson@co.bingham.id.us)