

EXIT POLLS

O.C.G.A. 21-2-414 prohibits certain activities within 150 feet of the outer edge of any building in which a polling place is located on election day. One of these activities is exit polling. As you may recall, the issue of exit polling was the subject of litigation in 1988. In that case, the court issued an injunction against us limiting our enforcement of the provisions of our statutes. The injunction permitted exit polling outside of the area beginning 25 feet from the building in which the polling place is located.

Since that time, our statutes have changed, but the injunction has not been removed by the court. The Attorney General's Office has advised us that this injunction is still in effect and that we should not enforce our current ban on exit polling within 150 feet of the polling places. Instead, exit polling should be permitted so long as it is done at least 25 feet from the building in which a polling place is located.

The prohibition against other activities within the 150 foot area around the building in which a polling place is located will remain in effect. Any campaigning or other solicitation should not be permitted within this area. Please be sure that poll officials are informed concerning this matter.

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