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BAN PROMOTION OF BALLOT ISSUES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

House Bill 4103

Sponsor: Rep. James Koetje

Committee: Redistricting and Elections

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4103 AS INTRODUCED 1-31-01

The bill would add a new section to the Revised School Code to prohibit public school employees and volunteers from promoting a cause or position on a ballot question at school during school hours, or at school-sponsored events, in areas where students might be present, by doing any of the following:

- * making comments to pupils,
- * wearing a button or other such item,
- * displaying literature or a sign, banner, or similar item, or
- * sending home with pupils any communication.

The bill specifies that it would not prohibit impartial discussion, study, or display of items concerning a ballot question, political candidate, cause, or campaign as part of the study of history, government, political science, or a similar subject.

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