

1 call list." The board shall update the "no political call list" within three (3) business days of
2 receiving a request for inclusion on the list.

3 (b) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations in order to establish, in part,
4 procedures for the implementation of this section.

5 (c) The list shall be made available and accessible on an official State of Rhode Island
6 internet website and in printed form.

7 **17-29-4. Violations.** – (a) A person or organization is in violation of this chapter if the
8 person or organization:

9 (1) Engages in the telephonic political solicitation of a person who is operating a
10 telephone with a telephone number contained on the board of elections' telephone political
11 solicitation registry; or

12 (2) Originates telephonic political solicitation using an automated or recorded message to
13 a telephone with a telephone number contained on the board of elections' telephone political
14 solicitation registry; or

15 (3) Transmits an electronic text message to the telephone or telephonic paging device
16 with a telephone number contained on the board of elections' telephone political solicitation
17 registry.

18 **17-29-5. General disclosures.** – (a) Within the first thirty (30) seconds of a telephone
19 call, a telephonic political solicitor shall identify himself or herself by stating his or her true
20 name, the candidate, political party, or political issue on whose behalf the solicitation is being
21 made.

22 (b) All oral disclosures required by this section shall be made in a clear and intelligible
23 manner.

24 **17-29-6. Hours of operation.** – No telephonic political solicitor shall make or cause to
25 be made any unsolicited telephone calls, message, or electronic text to any residential, mobile or
26 telephonic paging device telephone number except during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

27 **17-29-7. Civil penalties.** – Any person or organization who willfully violates any
28 provision of this chapter or who directly or indirectly employs any device, scheme, or artifice to
29 circumvent the requirements of this chapter, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one
30 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation.

31 **17-29-8. Severability.** – If any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation made
32 under this chapter, or the application of this chapter to any person or circumstance is held invalid
33 by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the chapter, rule or regulation and the
34 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected. The

1 [invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section of this chapter shall not affect the](#)
2 [validity of the remainder of the chapter.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would create a "do not call" list for political-oriented telephone calls by
2 prohibiting unsolicited telephone political calls to any residential, mobile or pagers of those
3 telephone numbers entered on a telephone number registry with the board of elections.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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