

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. TIM BRIGGS

SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN POLLS: PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS & PUBLIC RESOURCES

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would make it a criminal offense for a public official or public employee to use public funds or public resources to facilitate the conduct of a campaign poll.

Under my proposal, a violation of the prohibition against publicly financed campaign polls would be graded a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the aggregate value of the public funds or public resources used to cover the cost of the poll would exceed \$2000, however, the offense would be graded a felony of the third degree. A person convicted of an offense would further be required to pay restitution in an amount equal to three times the cost of the campaign poll or three times its market value, whichever would be greater.

If you would like to join me as a sponsor of this legislation, please email Anne Foreman, at aforeman@pahouse.net or call 705.7011.

Thank you.