

April 1, 2009

**H 975. POLITICAL SIGN THEFT/ GUILFORD.** Filed 4/1/09. *TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THEFT OF POLITICAL SIGNS IN GUILFORD COUNTY.*

Provides that this act applies only to Guilford County. Enacts new GS 14-76.2 to make it a Class 2 misdemeanor, punishable by a \$250 fine per sign removed with a maximum of \$2,500, to remove or destroy a political campaign sign earlier than four days after the election to which the sign is relevant without authorization to do so. Provides that this section does not apply to government officials enforcing state law or a local ordinance, a public utility company removing a sign from its utility pole, or to the person that owns or controls the property on which the sign is placed. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Harrison.**

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