

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40, § 41.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former word "proposition" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to a "question".

Defined terms: "House" § 2-101
"Person" § 1-101 "Senate" § 2-101

2-1702. INTERFERENCE WITH LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

(A) DISRUPTION AND INTERFERENCE PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY DISRUPT, INTERFERE WITH, ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT, OR ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH A SESSION, MEETING, OR PROCEEDING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE, OR THE HOUSE OR ANY OF THEIR COMMITTEES, BY:

- (1) MAKING, ALONE OR WITH ANOTHER PERSON, A NOISE THAT TENDS TO BE DISRUPTIVE;
- (2) USING ABUSIVE OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE;
- (3) MAKING AN OBSCENE GESTURE;
- (4) ENGAGING IN VIOLENT, TUMULTUOUS, OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR;
- (5) REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWFUL ORDER OF THE POLICE TO DISPERSE; OR
- (6) DOING ANY OTHER DISRUPTIVE OR INTERFERING ACT.

(B) PICKETING RESTRICTED.

A PERSON MAY NOT PICKET WILLFULLY IN A BUILDING WHERE:

- (1) THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE HAS A CHAMBER;
- (2) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS AN OFFICIAL OFFICE; OR
- (3) A COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE, OR THE HOUSE HAS AN OFFICE.

(C) INTERFERENCE WITH MEMBERS AND STAFF PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT PREVENT OR ATTEMPT TO PREVENT, WILLFULLY AND WITH FORCE, THE PERFORMANCE OF A FUNCTION, POWER, OR DUTY BY A MEMBER, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE, OR THE HOUSE OR ANY OF THEIR COMMITTEES.

(D) INTERFERENCE WITH PROPERTY PROHIBITED.