

**RCW 29A.84.040 Political advertising, removing or defacing.** A person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political advertising including yard signs or billboards without authorization is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021. The defacement or removal of each item constitutes a separate violation. [2003 c 111 § 2104. Prior: 1991 c 81 § 19; 1984 c 216 § 5. Formerly RCW 29.85.275.]

**Effective date—1991 c 81:** See note following RCW 29A.84.540.

*Political advertising*

*generally: RCW 42.17A.320 through 42.17A.340.*

*rates for candidates: RCW 65.16.095.*