



# Local Government Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 10

### PART II

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

#### **2 Prohibition of political publicity.**

(1) A local authority shall not publish<sup>[F1]</sup>, or arrange for the publication of,] any material which, in whole or in part, appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2) In determining whether material falls within the prohibition regard shall be had to the content and style of the material, the time and other circumstances of publication and the likely effect on those to whom it is directed and, in particular, to the following matters—

- (a) whether the material refers to a political party or to persons identified with a political party or promotes or opposes a point of view on a question of political controversy which is identifiable as the view of one political party and not of another;
- (b) where the material is part of a campaign, the effect which the campaign appears to be designed to achieve.]

(3) A local authority shall not give financial or other assistance to a person for the publication of material which the authority are prohibited by this section from publishing themselves.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 2(1) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 349(3), 411(2)** (with [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), **art. 3(1)**, [Sch. 1](#) (with **art. 11**)

**F2** S. 2(2) substituted by [Local Government Act 1988 \(c. 9, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), **s. 27(1)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government Act 1986, Section 2.