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An Act To Allow Political Signs on Private Property Only

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1999, c. 152, Pt. G, §2, is further amended to read:

H. Signs bearing political messages relating to an election, primary or referendum, ~~provided that these. These~~ signs may not be placed ~~within the right-of-way prior to~~ only on private property 6 weeks before the election, primary or referendum to which they relate and must be removed by the candidate or political committee not later than one week thereafter. A person placing a political sign must have the permission of the landowner prior to placing the sign. If the sign is placed without the permission of the landowner, the landowner may remove the sign; and

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1991, c. 387, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Signs bearing political messages with the permission of the landowner pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph H; and

SUMMARY

This bill restricts the placing of political signs to private property.

The bill also requires the permission of a landowner before a political sign may be placed on private property and allows a landowner to remove the sign if permission was not obtained.