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## **An Act Regarding the Length of Time a Temporary Sign May Be Placed in a Public Way**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 403, §4, is amended to read:

L. Temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way ~~for a maximum of 6 weeks per calendar year~~ from May 1st immediately before a primary election to the first Sunday following that primary election and from October 1st immediately before a general election to the first Sunday following that general election. A temporary sign may not be placed within 30 feet of another temporary sign bearing the same or substantially the same message. A temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in size. A sign under this paragraph must be labeled with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the designated time period the sign will be maintained within the public right-of-way.

### **SUMMARY**

Current law allows temporary signs to be placed within a public right-of-way for a maximum of 6 weeks in a calendar year.

This bill increases to approximately 12 weeks the amount of time that a temporary sign may be placed within a public right-of-way but restricts the use of those signs to election years by specifying that they may be placed during the period from May 1st before a primary election to the Sunday immediately following that primary election and from October 1st before a general election to the Sunday immediately following that general election.