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## **An Act To Encourage the Removal of Campaign Signs from the Public Right-of-way**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 321, §1, is further amended to read:

L. Temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way for a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year. 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 include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way. If the temporary sign advertises or announces an event, the sign must be removed from the public right-of-way within 4 weeks after the event and, if the sign is not removed within that 4-week period, the municipality in which the sign is located may remove the sign and assess the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign a fee of \$10.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that a temporary sign, which includes a campaign sign, placed within the public right-of-way that advertises or announces an event must be removed from the right-of-way within 4 weeks after the event and, if the sign is not removed within that 4-week period, the municipality in which the sign is located may remove the sign and assess the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign a fee of \$10.