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In Senate, April 6, 2017

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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox,
VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MAREAN of Hollis.

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

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

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

14 **SUMMARY**

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

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