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In Senate, March 12, 2019

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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

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 amended by PL 2017, c. 321, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 L. Temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way for a maximum of 12
5 weeks per calendar year. A temporary sign may not be placed within 30 feet of
6 another temporary sign bearing the same or substantially the same message. A
7 temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in size. A sign under this paragraph
8 must include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or
9 organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign
10 was erected within the public right-of-way. If the temporary sign advertises or
11 announces an event, the sign must be removed from the public right-of-way within 4
12 weeks after the event and, if the sign is not removed within that 4-week period, the
13 municipality in which the sign is located may remove the sign and assess the
14 individual, entity or organization that placed the sign a fee of \$10.

15 **SUMMARY**

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