

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1136

S. P. 378

In Senate, March 5, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Redmond of Somerset.

Cosponsors: Representative Richard of Madison and Representative
K. Brown of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Exempt Certain Signs from the Billboard Law.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 1913, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ I and J, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 477, § 7, are amended to read:

I. Signs erected for an election, primary or referendum. These signs shall be erected no sooner than 3 weeks before the date of the election, primary or referendum and shall be removed no later than one week after that date; and

J. Signs erected outside of the public right-of-way by nonprofit historical and cultural institutions. Each institution, who has certified its nonprofit status with the commissioner, may erect no more than 2 signs with a surface area not to exceed 50 square feet per sign;

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA § 1913, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ K and L are enacted to read:

K. Signs erected by growers of crops to direct the public to the sale of these crops on the premises where the crops are grown; and

L. Signs erected by operators of camping facilities to direct the public to these facilities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to exclude certain agricultural signs and signs erected by campgrounds from the requirements of the billboard law. License fees, requirements for signs made of certain materials and other provisions applied to those required to be licensed to erect a sign are a hardship on the operators of these rural businesses. This bill exempts the signs erected by certain growers and campground operators from the licensing requirements.