

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Regulate Political Advertising in  
2 Public Right-of-way Areas.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 23 MRSa §1151, first ¶ is amended to read:

7 No person shall may place, maintain or display  
8 upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign,  
9 signal, marking or device which purports to be or is  
10 an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-con-  
11 trol device or railroad sign or signal, or which at-  
12 tempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which  
13 hides from view or so interferes with the effective-  
14 ness of any official traffic-control device or any  
15 railroad sign or signal as to endanger the public,  
16 and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any

1 public authority permit upon any highway any traffic  
2 sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial or  
3 political advertising. This shall not be deemed to  
4 prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent  
5 to highways of signs giving useful directional infor-  
6 mation or promoting highway safety and of a type that  
7 cannot be mistaken for official signs. Any person,  
8 firm, corporation or political subdivision of the  
9 State, while working on, under, over or immediately  
10 adjacent to any highway may erect temporary warning  
11 or directional signs or signals for the purpose of  
12 safeguarding or protecting its workmen and facilitat-  
13 ing and protecting travel along the highway by the  
14 traveling public.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill prohibits political advertisements in  
17 public rights-of-way.

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