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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 791, L.D. 1103, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen the Law Pertaining to Taking or Defacing Political Campaign Signs"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

23 MRSA §1917-A is enacted to read:

§1917-A. Unlawful removal of political signs

1. Taking, defacing or disturbing political sign; civil violation. A person who takes, defaces or disturbs a lawfully placed sign bearing political messages relating to a general election, primary election or referendum commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of up to \$250 may be adjudged.

2. Application. This section does not apply to:

A. A person authorized by a candidate or political committee to remove signs placed by or at the direction of that candidate or political committee; and

B. The landowner, or agent of the landowner, on whose property a sign has been placed.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill could result in additional cases filed throughout the state court system. The Judicial Department, however, would absorb the additional costs utilizing existing resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment makes taking, defacing or disturbing a political sign a civil violation subjecting the perpetrator to a civil forfeiture of up to \$100. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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