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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHELTRA of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator VOSE of Washington, Representative PAUL of Sanford and Representative GURNEY of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning the Placement of Campaign Signs Along Roads.



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

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4 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 318,
§3, is amended to read:

6 H. Signs bearing political messages relating to an
8 election, primary or referendum, provided that these signs
10 may not be placed within the right-of-way prior to 6 weeks
12 before the election, primary or referendum to which they
14 relate and must be removed by the candidate or political
committee not later than one week thereafter. These signs
may not be placed in any publicly owned right-of-way that
abuts residential property.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill amends the billboard law to provide that election
20 campaign signs may not be placed in rights-of-way that abut
22 residential property. This prohibition prevents the clutter that
24 may occur in the right-of-way in front of a person's home and
prevents the appearance that a homeowner supports a particular
candidate whose sign may be placed in the right-of-way.