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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 101

House of Representatives, January 13, 2009

### **An Act To Allow Political Signs on Private Property Only**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor,  
HINCK of Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, Senator:  
BLISS of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶H,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 152, Pt. G,  
3 §2, is further amended to read:

4 H. Signs bearing political messages relating to an election, primary or referendum,  
5 ~~provided that these.~~ These signs may not be placed within the right of way prior to  
6 only on private property 6 weeks before the election, primary or referendum to which  
7 they relate and must be removed by the candidate or political committee not later  
8 than one week thereafter. A person placing a political sign must have the permission  
9 of the landowner prior to placing the sign. If the sign is placed without the  
10 permission of the landowner, the landowner may remove the sign; and

11 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 387, §1, is  
12 further amended to read:

13 E. Signs bearing political messages with the permission of the landowner pursuant  
14 to subsection 1, paragraph H; and

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill restricts the placing of political signs to private property.

17 The bill also requires the permission of a landowner before a political sign may be  
18 placed on private property and allows a landowner to remove the sign if permission was  
19 not obtained.