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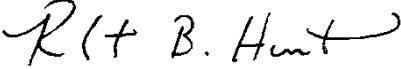
No. 955

H.P. 658

House of Representatives, March 17, 2015

**An Act To Make Changes to Laws Governing Condominiums
Regarding the Display of Signs**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and
Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §576, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 357, is amended to
3 read:

4 **10. Restrictions.** Such restrictions on and requirements respecting the use and
5 maintenance of the units and the use of the common areas and facilities not set forth in
6 the declaration as are designed to prevent unreasonable interference with the use of their
7 respective units and of the common areas and facilities by the several unit owners. An
8 association of unit owners may not include in its bylaws or declaration, or any rule
9 adopted pursuant to the bylaws or declaration, or any deed a restriction that prohibits a
10 unit owner from displaying on that unit owner's common area and facilities a sign that
11 supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a referendum question during the
12 period from 6 weeks prior to the date that a primary or general election or special election
13 is held regarding that candidate or referendum question to one week after the election for
14 that political candidate or vote for that referendum question is held.

15 **Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §1603-106, sub-§(c)** is enacted to read:

16 (c) An association may not include in its bylaws or declaration, or any rule adopted
17 pursuant to the bylaws or declaration, or any deed a restriction that prohibits a unit owner
18 from displaying on that unit owner's condominium property a sign that supports or
19 opposes a candidate for public office or a referendum question during the period from 6
20 weeks prior to the date that a primary or general election or special election is held
21 regarding that candidate or referendum question to one week after the election for that
22 political candidate or vote for that referendum question is held.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill prohibits a condominium association from including in its bylaws or
25 declaration or deeds a restriction that prohibits a unit owner from displaying on the
26 condominium property a sign that supports or opposes a political candidate or a
27 referendum question for the period from 6 weeks prior to to one week after the election
28 for that candidate or vote for that referendum is held.