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House of Representatives, January 17, 2017

An Act Regarding the Display and Content of Political Signs

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland,
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford,
VOLK 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, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 403, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 L. Temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way for a maximum of 6 weeks
5 ~~per calendar year~~ before the event to which the signs relate, up to a maximum of 12
6 weeks per calendar year. A temporary sign may not be placed within 30 feet of
7 another temporary sign bearing the same or substantially the same message. A
8 temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in size. ~~A sign under this paragraph~~
9 ~~must be labeled with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization~~
10 ~~that placed the sign within the public right of way and the designated time period the~~
11 ~~sign will be maintained within the public right of way.~~

12 **SUMMARY**

13 Current law allows a temporary sign, including, but not limited to, a sign bearing a
14 political message relating to an election, primary or referendum, to be placed in the public
15 right-of-way for a maximum of 6 weeks per calendar year.

16 This bill allows a temporary sign to be placed in the public right-of-way for a
17 maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year, as long as that sign is not displayed for more
18 than 6 weeks before the event to which the sign relates. This bill also removes the
19 requirement that temporary signs be labeled with the name and address of the entity that
20 placed the sign within the public way and the time period for which the sign will be
21 maintained.