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In Senate, April 6, 2017

An Act Regarding the Length of Time a Temporary Sign May Be Placed in a Public Way

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox,
VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MAREAN of Hollis.

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~~ from May 1st immediately before a primary election to the first
6 Sunday following that primary election and from October 1st immediately before a
7 general election to the first Sunday following that general election. A temporary sign
8 may not be placed within 30 feet of another temporary sign bearing the same or
9 substantially the same message. A temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in
10 size. A sign under this paragraph must be labeled with the name and address of the
11 individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way
12 and the designated time period the sign will be maintained within the public right-of-
13 way.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 Current law allows temporary signs to be placed within a public right-of-way for a
16 maximum of 6 weeks in a calendar year.

17 This bill increases to approximately 12 weeks the amount of time that a temporary
18 sign may be placed within a public right-of-way but restricts the use of those signs to
19 election years by specifying that they may be placed during the period from May 1st
20 before a primary election to the Sunday immediately following that primary election and
21 from October 1st before a general election to the Sunday immediately following that
22 general election.