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## **An Act To Restrict the Placement of Political Signs by Requiring Permission**

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

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

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

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the permission of a landowner before a sign may be placed within a right-of-way. The bill also allows a landowner to remove the sign if permission was not obtained.