

HB 336 - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL           **336**

AN ACT               relative to the placement of political advertisements on public right-of-ways.

SPONSORS:           Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. M. Aron, Sull. 8; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Cloutier, Sull. 6; Rep. Girard, Sull. 6; Rep. Hemingway, Sull. 6; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE:         Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies under what conditions political advertisements can be placed on public right-of-ways.

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Explanation:         Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to the placement of political advertisements on public right-of-ways.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1 Political Advertising; Placement and Removal of Political Advertising; Right  
2 of Ways. Amend RSA 664:17 to read as follows:

3       664:17 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising. No political advertising shall be placed  
4 on or affixed to any public property, including highway rights-of-way, ***unless permission is***  
5 ***granted by the political subdivision or by consent of the owner of the land over which the***  
6 ***right of way passes.*** [~~or private property without the owner's consent.~~] ***No political advertising***  
7 ***shall be placed on private property without the owner's consent.*** All political advertising shall  
8 be removed by the candidate no later than the second Friday following the election unless the  
9 election is a primary and the advertising concerns a candidate who is a winner in the primary. Signs  
10 shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs. Political advertising may be placed  
11 within state-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not obstruct the safe flow of traffic  
12 and the advertising is placed with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way  
13 passes. No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is  
14 placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except for removal by the owner of the  
15 property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing  
16 improper advertising. Political advertising placed on or affixed to any public property may be  
17 removed by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel. Political advertising  
18 removed prior to election day by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel shall  
19 be kept until one week after the election at a place designated by the state, city, or town so that the  
20 candidate, or a member of the candidate's campaign or local political committee of the same party  
21 may retrieve the items.

22       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.