

Amendment to HB 554

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT clarifying the placement of advertising signs on state-owned property.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:
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7 1 Placement and Removal of Political and Other Advertising. RSA 664:17 is repealed and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 664:17 Placement and Removal of Political and Other Advertising.

10 I. No advertising, including but not limited to political advertising, shall be placed on or
11 affixed to any private property without the owner's consent. No advertising, including but not
12 limited to political advertising, shall be placed on or affixed to any state-owned public property. This
13 paragraph shall not apply to advertising that is placed on or affixed to state-owned rights-of-way
14 with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes so long as the
15 advertising does not obstruct the safe flow of traffic or violate any other applicable law.

16 II. All political advertising shall be removed by the candidate no later than the second
17 Friday following the election unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a
18 candidate who is a winner in the primary.

19 III. Signs shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs.

20 IV. No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is
21 placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except for removal by the owner of the
22 property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing
23 improper advertising.

24 V. Political advertising placed on or affixed to any public property may be removed by state,
25 city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel.

26 VI. Political advertising removed prior to election day by state, city, or town maintenance or
27 law enforcement personnel shall be kept until one week after the election at a place designated by
28 the state, city, or town so that the candidate, or a member of the candidate's campaign or local
29 political committee of the same party may retrieve the items.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the conditions under which political advertising may be placed on municipal property.