

HB 1082 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1082**

AN ACT enabling municipalities to remove political signs from state-owned property located within the municipality after an election.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Foote, Rock. 13; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. Veilleux, Hills. 34; Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. Gorski, Hills. 2; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9

COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill enables municipalities to remove political signs from state-owned property located within the municipality after an election.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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-Six*

AN ACT enabling municipalities to remove political signs from state-owned property located within the municipality after an election.

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

1 1 Removal of Political Advertising on Public Property. Amend RSA 664:17 to read as follows:

2 664:17 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising.

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

22 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.