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Amendment to HB 554

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the placement of political advertising on municipal property.

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5 Amend RSA 664:17 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables municipal property to be used for political signs in accordance with local and state laws, rules, and ordinances.