

HB 179 – AS INTRODUCED

2015 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            **179**

AN ACT                relative to placement of political advertising.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Gionet, Graf 5; Rep. Fields, Belk 4; Rep. Weyler, Rock 13; Rep. Richardson,  
                              Coos 4; Rep. Bailey, Graf 14; Rep. Ladd, Graf 4; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20;  
                              Sen. Sanborn, Dist 9; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows placement of political advertising on public property immediately outside of the corridor in which certain activities are prohibited at the polling place.

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                              Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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

- 1           1 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising. Amend RSA 664:17 to read as follows:  
2           664:17 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising. No political advertising shall be placed  
3 on or affixed to any public property including highway rights-of-way or private property without the  
4 owner's consent, ***except for political advertising placed on election day or the day before***  
5 ***election day on public property that is immediately outside the corridor described in***  
6 ***RSA 659:43. Political advertising placed immediately outside the corridor shall be***  
7 ***removed by the candidate no later than the Friday following the election.*** All ***other*** political  
8 advertising shall be removed by the candidate no later than the second Friday following the election  
9 unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a candidate who is a winner in the  
10 primary. Signs shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs. Political  
11 advertising may be placed within state-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not  
12 obstruct the safe flow of traffic and the advertising is placed with the consent of the owner of the  
13 land over which the right-of-way passes. No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any  
14 political advertising which is placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except  
15 for removal by the owner of the property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law  
16 enforcement officer removing improper advertising. Political advertising ***improperly*** placed on or  
17 affixed to any public property may be removed by state, city, or town maintenance or law  
18 enforcement personnel. Political advertising removed prior to election day by state, city, or town  
19 maintenance or law enforcement personnel shall be kept until one week after the election at a place  
20 designated by the state, city, or town so that the candidate may retrieve the items.  
21           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.