

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, MADDEN, BURGOS, D. WILLIAMS, SANCHEZ, GUENST, HOHENSTEIN, RABB, PISCIOTTANO, DEASY AND CONKLIN, MARCH 7, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 7, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in nuisances, providing for the  
 3 offense of late removal of campaign signage on public  
 4 property; and imposing a penalty.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6506. Late removal of campaign signage on public property.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A candidate, or person acting on  
 11 behalf of a candidate, who posts campaign signage on public  
 12 property in furtherance of a political campaign shall abide by  
 13 all lawful local ordinances which are applicable to signage and  
 14 shall remove the signage by the date lawfully required by  
 15 applicable local ordinance, but not later than 10 days following  
 16 an election.

17 (b) Penalty.--A candidate who violates this section is  
 18 guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be

1 sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300  
2 and shall be sentenced to not less than five hours nor more than  
3 30 hours of community service to be completed in six months in  
4 which the defendant is required to pick up campaign signs as  
5 well as litter or illegally dumped trash.

6 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
7 "candidate" means any individual who seeks nomination or  
8 election to public office by vote of the electorate.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.