

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 3000 Session of  
1996

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INTRODUCED BY PETRONE AND ARGALL, NOVEMBER 14, 1996

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 14, 1996

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for removing political  
3 advertisements; and providing for penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6503 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6503. Posting advertisements on property of another.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of a summary  
10 offense if he pastes, paints, brands or stamps or in any manner  
11 whatsoever places upon or attaches to any building, fence,  
12 bridge, gate, outbuilding or other object, upon the grounds of  
13 any charitable, educational or penal institution of the  
14 Commonwealth, or upon any property belonging to the Commonwealth  
15 government, any political subdivision, or municipal or local  
16 authority, any written, printed, painted or other advertisement,  
17 bill, notice, sign or poster, or pastes, paints, brands, stamps  
18 or in any manner whatsoever places upon, or attaches to any

1 building, fence, bridge, gate, outbuilding or property of  
2 another, whether within or without the limits of a highway, any  
3 written, printed, painted or other advertisement, bill, notice,  
4 sign, card or poster, without first having obtained the written  
5 consent of the owner, or tenant lawfully in possession or  
6 occupancy thereof.

7 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) of this section shall not  
8 prevent the posting or placing of any notice required by law or  
9 order of court, nor to prevent the posting or placing of any  
10 notice particularly concerning or pertaining to premises upon  
11 which the same is so posted or placed.

12 (c) Political advertisements.--Any written, printed or  
13 painted political advertisement, sign, bill, notice, card or  
14 poster shall be removed by the candidate or his agent within two  
15 weeks after the election. A candidate shall be personally liable  
16 in the amount of \$25 per advertisement for each advertisement  
17 not removed after two weeks of the election date or may be  
18 imprisoned for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both.

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