
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2404 Session of
2000

INTRODUCED BY PETRONE, ARGALL, FARGO, GRUCELA, WOJNAROSKI,
PISTELLA, LUCYK, WASHINGTON, DALEY, GEIST, TRICH, LEH, CIVERA
AND L. I. COHEN, MARCH 16, 2000

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 16, 2000

AN ACT

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