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YOUNGBLOOD, ROBERTS, BEBKO-JONES AND SCHRODER, APRIL 2, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 2, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, limiting the authority of
3 municipalities to regulate political signs.

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

6 Section 1. Chapter 13 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER E

9 REGULATIONS OF POLITICAL SIGNS

10 Sec.

11 1371. Definitions.

12 1372. Bonds.

13 1373. Candidate signs.

14 1374. Referendum signs.

15 1375. Limitation.

16 § 1371. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town
3 or township.

4 § 1372. Bonds.

5 No municipality shall have the authority to require the
6 posting of a bond or other financial security as a precondition
7 for erecting or posting signs on private property seeking to
8 influence the outcome of an election.

9 § 1373. Candidate signs.

10 No municipality may require the removal from private property
11 of signs seeking to influence the outcome of an election prior
12 to the day after the general, municipal or special election
13 sought to be influenced.

14 § 1374. Referendum signs.

15 No municipality may require the removal from private property
16 of signs seeking to influence the outcome of a referendum prior
17 to the day after the primary, general, municipal or special
18 election at which the referendum question is presented to the
19 electorate.

20 § 1375. Limitation.

21 Nothing contained in this subchapter shall limit the right of
22 a municipality to impose reasonable regulations on the size or
23 illumination of signs or to require the removal of signs from
24 locations in which they create an obstruction to traffic.

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