THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 891

Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, SANCHEZ, GUENST, NEILSON, HOHENSTEIN, KENYATTA, ROZZI, WEBSTER, O'MARA AND ISAACSON, MARCH 15, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 15, 2021

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in nuisances, providing for the
- offense of late removal of campaign signage on public
- 4 property.
- 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. 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 <u>quilty of a summary offense and upon conviction shall be</u>
- 19 sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300

- 1 and shall be sentenced to not less than five hours nor more than
- 2 <u>30 hours of community service to be completed in six months in</u>
- 3 which the defendant is required to pick up campaign signs as
- 4 well as litter or illegally dumped trash.
- 5 (c) Definition. -- As used in this section, the term
- 6 "candidate" means any individual who seeks nomination or
- 7 <u>election to public office by vote of the electorate.</u>
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.