

Senator Alvin B. Jackson proposes the following substitute bill:

POSTING POLITICAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brad M. Daw

Senate Sponsor: Alvin B. Jackson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the posting of political signs on public property.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ provides that a local government entity, a local government officer, a local government employee, or another person with authority or control over public property that posts or permits a person to post a political sign on public property shall permit any other person to post a political sign on the public property, subject to the same requirements and restrictions imposed on all other political signs posted on the public property; and
- ▶ prohibits a local government entity, a local government officer, a local government employee, or another person with authority or control over public property from imposing a requirement or restriction on the posting of a political sign on public property if the requirement or restriction is not politically neutral and content neutral.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

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28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 ENACTS:

30 **20A-17-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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32 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

33 Section 1. Section **20A-17-103** is enacted to read:

34 **20A-17-103. Posting political signs on public property.**

35 (1) As used in this section:

36 (a) "Local government entity" means:

37 (i) a county, municipality, or other political subdivision;

38 (ii) a local district, as defined in Section [17B-1-102](#);

39 (iii) a special service district, as defined in Section [17D-1-102](#);

40 (iv) a local building authority, as defined in Section [17D-2-102](#);

41 (v) a conservation district, as defined in Section [17D-3-102](#);

42 (vi) an independent entity, as defined in Section [63E-1-102](#);

43 (vii) a public corporation, as defined in Section [63E-1-102](#);

44 (viii) a public transit district, organized under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Public

45 Transit District Act;

46 (ix) a school district;

47 (x) a public school, including a charter school or other publicly funded school;

48 (xi) a state institution of higher education;

49 (xii) an entity that expends public funds; and

50 (xiii) each office, agency, or other division of an entity described in Subsections

51 (1)(a)(i) through (xii).

52 (b) "Political sign" means any sign or document that advocates:

53 (i) the election or defeat of a candidate for public office; or

54 (ii) the approval or defeat of a ballot proposition.

55 (c) (i) "Public property" means any real property, building, or structure owned or leased

56 by a local government entity.

57 (ii) "Public property" does not include any real property, building, or structure during a
58 period of time that the real property, building, or structure is rented out by a government entity
59 to a private party for a meeting, convention, or similar event.

60 (2) A local government entity, a local government officer, a local government
61 employee, or another person with authority or control over public property that posts or permits
62 a person to post a political sign on public property:

63 (a) shall permit any other person to post a political sign on the public property, subject
64 to the same requirements and restrictions imposed on all other political signs permitted to be
65 posted on the public property; and

66 (b) may not impose a requirement or restriction on the posting of a political sign if the
67 requirement or restriction is not politically neutral and content neutral.