

1 **UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR VANDALISM OF CAMPAIGN**

2 **SIGNS**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

6 Senate Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill, subject to certain exceptions, makes it unlawful for a person to remove or
11 vandalize a campaign sign.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ subject to certain exceptions, makes it a class B misdemeanor for a person to
15 remove, alter, deface, or otherwise vandalize a campaign sign.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

22 **20A-17-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

23 **20A-17-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

26 Section 1. Section **20A-17-101** is enacted to read:

27 **CHAPTER 17. POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

28 **20A-17-101. Title.**

29 This chapter is known as "Political Campaign Signs."

30 Section 2. Section **20A-17-102** is enacted to read:

31 **20A-17-102. Campaign signs.**

32 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if
33 the person knowingly removes, alters, defaces, or otherwise vandalizes a sign:

34 (a) advocating the election or defeat of a candidate for public office; or

35 (b) advocating the approval or defeat of a ballot proposition.

36 (2) A person is not guilty of a violation of Subsection (1) if the person who engages in
37 the conduct described in Subsection (1) is:

38 (a) as it relates to a sign described in Subsection (1)(a), the candidate or an agent of the
39 candidate;

40 (b) as it relates to a sign described in Subsection (1)(b), the person who placed the sign,
41 the person who directed the placement of the sign, or an agent of either;

42 (c) a property owner of property on which the sign is placed or the property owner's
43 agent; or

44 (d) a public official who removes the sign in accordance with an official duty of the
45 public official.