

POLITICAL SIGNS AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits local governments from prohibiting or removing political signs from residential parking strips.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ prohibits local governments from prohibiting or removing political signs from residential parking strips.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

10-9a-528, Utah Code Annotated 1953

17-27a-525, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **10-9a-528** is enacted to read:

10-9a-528. Political signs.



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Parking strip" means an area of property between a street and a sidewalk in a
30 residential zone.

31 (b) "Political sign" means the same as that term is defined in Section [20A-17-103](#).

32 (2) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or other regulation that
33 prohibits the voluntary placement of or requires the removal of a political sign in a parking
34 strip within an area zoned for residential use, regardless of whether:

35 (a) the municipality or the property owner has title to the parking strip; or

36 (b) the municipality or the property owner has the responsibility for maintenance of the
37 parking strip.

38 (3) Except as provided in Subsection [20A-17-102\(2\)](#), a municipal employee who
39 moves or otherwise disturbs a political sign is subject to the penalty described in Section
40 [20A-17-102](#).

41 Section 2. Section **17-27a-525** is enacted to read:

42 **17-27a-525. Political signs.**

43 (1) As used in this section:

44 (a) "Parking strip" means an area of property between a street and a sidewalk in a
45 residential zone.

46 (b) "Political sign" means the same as that term is defined in Section [20A-17-103](#).

47 (2) A county may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or other regulation that prohibits
48 the voluntary placement of or requires the removal of a political sign in a parking strip within
49 an area zoned for residential use, regardless of whether:

50 (a) the county or the property owner has title to the parking strip; or

51 (b) the county or the property owner has the responsibility for maintenance of the
52 parking strip.

53 (3) Except as provided in Subsection [20A-17-102\(2\)](#), a county employee who moves or
54 otherwise disturbs a political sign is subject to the penalty described in Section [20A-17-102](#).