

**CAMPAIGN SIGN AMENDMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to the removal of campaign signs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a campaign sign displayed on a roadway to identify the owner of the sign;
- ▶ authorizes a transportation authority that removes a campaign sign from a roadway

to seek reimbursement at a rate of \$15 per sign from the sign's owner; and

- ▶ requires a transportation authority to provide the sign's owner or the candidate for public office an opportunity to contest payment of the reimbursement notice issued by the transportation authority.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**20A-17-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **20A-17-104** is enacted to read:

29 **20A-17-104. Removal of campaign signs from roadway by a transportation**  
30 **authority -- Reimbursement.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Campaign sign" means any sign or document that advocates for the election of a  
33 candidate to public office.

34 (b) "Personal campaign committee" means the committee appointed by a candidate for  
35 public office to act for the candidate as provided in Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial  
36 Reporting Requirements.

37 (c) "Public office" means the same as that term is defined in Section [20A-11-101](#).

38 (d) (i) "Roadway" means:

39 (A) a state highway, as described in Section [72-3-102](#);

40 (B) a county road, as described in Section [72-3-103](#);

41 (C) a city street, as described in Section [72-3-104](#);

42 (D) a class D road, as described in Section [72-3-105](#); and

43 (E) a rail-based fixed guideway operated by a large public transit district.

44 (ii) "Roadway" includes:

45 (A) the right-of-way for a roadway; and

46 (B) infrastructure appurtenant to a roadway that is owned, maintained, or operated by a  
47 transportation authority.

48 (e) "Transportation authority" means:

49 (i) a city, county, town, or metro township;

50 (ii) a large public transit district organized under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Public  
51 Transit District Act; or

52 (iii) the Department of Transportation created in Title 72, Chapter 1, Part 2,  
53 Department of Transportation.

54 (2) A sign owner that displays a campaign sign on a roadway shall include in a discrete  
55 location on the sign:

56 (a) the name of the sign owner; and

57 (b) a mailing address for the sign owner.

58 (3) A transportation authority that removes a campaign sign from a roadway may seek

59 reimbursement for removing the sign at the rate specified in Subsection (4) if:

60 (a) the placement of the sign creates a public safety hazard; or

61 (b) the transportation authority is otherwise authorized by law to remove the campaign  
62 sign from the roadway.

63 (4) The reimbursement rate for removing a campaign sign is \$15 per sign.

64 (5) (a) A transportation authority that seeks reimbursement for removing a campaign  
65 sign under Subsection (3) shall mail a reimbursement notice to:

66 (i) the name and address of the sign owner appearing on the campaign sign; or

67 (ii) if the name and address of the sign owner does not appear on the campaign sign,  
68 the personal campaign committee of the candidate for public office identified on the campaign  
69 sign.

70 (b) A reimbursement notice shall include:

71 (i) the number of campaign signs removed from the roadway by the transportation  
72 authority;

73 (ii) the reimbursement amount; and

74 (iii) any other information determined relevant by the transportation authority to obtain  
75 reimbursement for removing the campaign sign from the roadway.

76 (6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), a sign owner or personal campaign committee that  
77 receives a reimbursement notice under this section shall pay the amount specified in the notice  
78 no later than 30 days after the day on which the notice is received in the mail.

79 (b) A transportation authority shall provide the sign owner or personal campaign  
80 committee a reasonable opportunity to contest payment of the reimbursement notice.

81 (7) A personal campaign committee that receives a reimbursement notice under this  
82 section may use campaign funds to pay the reimbursement amount specified in the notice.