
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 445, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§445- Political signs; restrictions. (a) Political
5 signs may be erected, maintained, and used, except where
6 contrary to or prohibited by law; provided that:

7 (1) A political sign shall be erected not more than ninety
8 days prior to a primary or general election;

9 (2) A political sign shall be removed within seven days
10 after the conclusion of a primary election if a
11 candidate is elected to office in the primary election
12 or after the conclusion of a general election;

13 (3) The dimensions of the political sign shall be no
14 larger than five feet by three feet or a total of
15 fifteen square feet in area; and



1 (4) No more than three political signs bearing identical
2 messages shall be erected on a single parcel of real
3 property.

4 (b) As used in this section, "political sign" means a
5 sign, poster, picture, painting, display, notice, bill, or
6 written word or words that:

7 (1) Is situated outdoors and draws the attention of
8 persons in any public highway, park, or other public
9 place; and

10 (2) Urges voters to vote for or against any person or
11 issue that is funded by a candidate committee or non-
12 candidate committee registered with the campaign
13 spending commission."

14 SECTION 2. Section 445-112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§445-112 Where and when permitted.** No person shall
17 erect, maintain, or use a billboard or display any outdoor
18 advertising device, except as provided in this section:

19 (1) The display of official notices and signs, posted by
20 order of any court or public office, or posted by any
21 public officer in the performance of a public duty, or



1 posted by any person required to do so by any law or
2 rule having the force of law;

3 (2) Any outdoor advertising device announcing a meeting or
4 series of meetings is not prohibited by this section
5 if displayed on the premises where the meeting or
6 series of meetings will be or is being held. Meeting,
7 as used in this section, includes all meetings
8 regardless of whether open to the public or conducted
9 for profit and includes but is not limited to sports
10 events, conventions, fairs, rallies, plays, lectures,
11 concerts, motion pictures, dances, and religious
12 services;

13 (3) Any outdoor advertising device indicating that the
14 building or premises on which it is displayed is the
15 residence, office, or place of business, commercial or
16 otherwise, of any individual, partnership, joint
17 venture, association, club, or corporation, and
18 stating the nature of the business;

19 (4) Any outdoor advertising device that advertises
20 property or services that may be bought, rented, sold,
21 or otherwise traded in on the premises or in the



- 1 building on which the outdoor advertising device is
2 displayed;
- 3 (5) The offering for sale of merchandise bearing
4 incidental advertising, including books, magazines,
5 and newspapers, in any store, newsstand, vending
6 machine, rack, or other place where such merchandise
7 is regularly sold;
- 8 (6) Any outdoor advertising device offering any land,
9 building, or part of a building for sale or rent, if
10 displayed on the property so offered or on the
11 building so offered;
- 12 (7) Any outdoor advertising device carried by persons or
13 placed upon vehicles used for the transportation of
14 persons or goods, except as provided under section
15 445-112.5, relating to vehicular advertising devices;
- 16 (8) Any outdoor advertising device warning the public of
17 dangerous conditions that they may encounter in nearby
18 sections of streets, roads, paths, public places,
19 power lines, gas and water mains, or other public
20 utilities;



- 1 (9) Signs serving no commercial purpose that indicate
2 places of natural beauty, or of historical or cultural
3 interest and that are made according to designs
4 approved by the department of business, economic
5 development, and tourism;
- 6 (10) Any outdoor advertising device or billboard erected,
7 placed, or maintained upon a state office building, if
8 erected, placed, or maintained by authority of a state
9 agency, department, or officer for the sole purpose of
10 announcing cultural or educational events within the
11 State, and if the design and location thereof has been
12 approved by the department of business, economic
13 development, and tourism;
- 14 (11) [~~Signs~~] Political signs, as defined in section 445- ,
15 urging voters to vote for or against any person or
16 issue, may be erected, maintained, and used, except
17 where contrary to or prohibited by law;
- 18 (12) Signs stating that a residence that is offered for
19 sale, lease, or rent is open for inspection at the
20 actual time the sign is displayed and showing the
21 route to the residence; provided that the sign



- 1 contains no words or designs other than the words
2 "Open House", the address of the residence, the name
3 of the person or agency responsible for the sale, and
4 an arrow or other directional symbol and is removed
5 during such time as the residence is not open for
6 inspection;
- 7 (13) The erection, maintenance, and use of billboards if
8 the billboard is used solely for outdoor advertising
9 devices not prohibited by this section;
- 10 (14) The continued display and maintenance of outdoor
11 advertising devices actually displayed on
12 July 8, 1965, in accordance with all laws and
13 ordinances immediately theretofore in effect;
- 14 (15) The continued maintenance of any billboard actually
15 maintained on July 8, 1965, and the display thereon of
16 the same or new advertising devices, all in accordance
17 with all laws and ordinances in effect immediately
18 prior to July 9, 1965;
- 19 (16) Any outdoor advertising device displayed with the
20 authorization of the University of Hawaii on any
21 scoreboard of any stadium owned by the university. An



1 outdoor advertising device displayed under this
2 paragraph shall be on the front of the scoreboard and
3 face the interior of the stadium;

4 (17) Any temporary outdoor advertising device attached to
5 or supported by the structure of any stadium owned by
6 the University of Hawaii, located within and facing
7 the interior of the stadium, and authorized to be
8 displayed by the university. For the purpose of this
9 paragraph, "temporary" means displayed for a short
10 period before the official start of organized athletic
11 competition, during the organized athletic
12 competition, and for a short period after the official
13 end of the organized athletic competition; and

14 (18) Any outdoor advertising device displayed with the
15 authorization of the stadium authority on any
16 scoreboard of any stadium operated by the stadium
17 authority. An outdoor advertising device displayed
18 under this paragraph shall be on the front of the
19 scoreboard and face the interior of the stadium."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Political Sign; Restrictions

Description:

Defines political sign. Restricts the posting of political signs.

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