
HOUSE BILL 2371

State of Washington

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By Representatives Cheney and Walen

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the rules surrounding the removal
2 of political advertising; amending RCW 29A.84.040; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that current law
6 allows the removal of signs that are not lawfully placed. The
7 legislature believes that a sign is not placed "lawfully" if it
8 remains in place after any deadline for removal provided by law. The
9 legislature intends to add language clarifying this common sense
10 proposition in order to remove any possible confusion about the
11 interpretation of current law.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.84.040 and 2003 c 111 s 2104 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 A person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political
15 advertising including yard signs or billboards without authorization
16 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a
17 misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021. For purposes of
18 this section, political advertising is not "lawfully placed" if it

1 remains in place past any deadline for removal provided by law. The
2 defacement or removal of each item constitutes a separate violation.

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