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H.B. No. 3238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the removal of a political advertising sign after an election; providing a civil penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 255, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 255.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 255.010. REMOVAL OF SIGNS RELATING TO ELECTION. (a) A political advertising sign relating to an election must be removed not later than the 30th day after the date of the election.

(b) A person who violates this section is liable to this state for a civil penalty of \$100 for each day that a violation occurs. The attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty under this section.

(c) This section does not affect the authority of this state, an agency of this state, a political subdivision, or a property owner's association to require the removal of a sign. To the extent of a conflict between this section and another statute or a rule, the statute or rule that imposes a stricter regulation or a greater penalty controls.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.