

Date: 1/21/2026

House Government Operations Committee

Bill: HB 33 - Political Signs Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Teuscher

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill amends provisions related to political signs.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill requires any political sign larger than 24 x 18 inches to include a disclosure identifying who paid for the sign. The disclosure must be reasonably legible and placed next to the sign. The sponsor explained that attaching or affixing an object to a political sign, including another political sign, in a manner that hides, blocks, obscures, alters, or misrepresents the message is prohibited under the Bill and constitutes a violation of Utah Code. In such cases, any member of the public may remove the offending sign. HB 33 prohibits attaching signs to utility poles, light poles, electrical utility boxes, traffic lights, railroad signs, or signals. Political signs must be removed no later than 14 calendar days after the election. If signs are not removed within that timeframe, any person may remove and dispose of the sign. If a city confiscates signs for violating local orders or state Code, the city must provide a location where the removed signs are being stored and notify the campaign so the signs may be retrieved. If violations occur three or more times during an election cycle, the city may begin charging a fee for the pickup and storage of signs. The Deputy Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns spoke in support of the Bill, and the Utah Municipal Clerks Association took a neutral position.

Yeas: 11

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: HB 33 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.