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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. Definitions

In this Act

- (a) “**campaign headquarters office**” means the office space used by a candidate in an election under the *Election Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap E-1.1 for the conduct of an election campaign during the election;
- (b) “**election**” means an election within the meaning of the *Election Act*;
- (c) “**election sign**” means a display in a visual medium designed to promote a candidate or a political party in an election, through the use of words, images, symbols, pictures, logos or any combination thereof, but does not include
 - (i) signs on bus stops,
 - (ii) graphics on motor vehicles, or
 - (iii) printed literature that is distributed.

2. Election signs

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), no election signs used by candidates or political parties during an election shall have a sign face that is greater than four square feet in area.

Exception

- (2) During an election, each candidate is permitted to use no more than five signs that are larger than the standard size provided for in subsection (1).

Campaign headquarters office signage

- (3) A candidate may use no more than two election signs at a campaign headquarters office during an election, which signs can have a sign face no greater than 32 square feet in area.

3. No display of other signs

No person shall display or permit to be displayed any election sign other than election signs provided for under section 2, which signs shall have been marked as having been approved by that candidate’s official agent within the meaning of the *Election Act*.

4. Limitation on number of signs

During an election, no candidate or political party may place

- (a) more than the 50 standard signs provided for in subsection 2(1), or
- (b) more than the five non-standard signs provided for in subsection 2(2);

in an electoral district, and may only place those signs within the electoral district for which they are a candidate, or have a candidate for election.

5. Placement of election signs

(1) No person shall place an election sign

- (a) within six feet of the outer edge of a curb or shoulder at the outer edge of any highway within the meaning of the *Highway Traffic Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-5;
- (b) which contravenes
 - (i) the *Highway Signage Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-4.1, or regulations made under that Act; or
 - (ii) any municipal bylaws respecting election signage;
- (c) on the median of a divided highway;
- (d) within the edges of the centre portion of a traffic roundabout;
- (e) in a way that impedes pedestrian traffic;
- (f) in a way that affects visibility of road signs;
- (g) that obstructs a driver's view of
 - (i) any crosswalk,
 - (ii) traffic at intersections,
 - (iii) any driveway; or
- (h) in a public park or playground.

Restrictions respecting public safety

(2) No election sign shall be located so as to obstruct or impede any fire escape, fire exit, door, window, skylight, flue, air intake or air exhaust, nor so as to prevent or impede the free access of emergency personnel to any part of a building, including any emergency water connection or fire hydrant.

6. Offence and penalty

Any person who contravenes any provision of this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine in an amount not less than \$500 and not more than \$2,000.

7. Summary Proceedings Act to apply

The *Summary Proceedings Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. S-9, applies to every proceeding taken against a person charged with an offence under this Act.

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