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SENATE BILL 208  
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 4/30/19

Short Title: Limit Local Restrictions/Noncommercial Signs.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 11, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL REGULATION OF THE SIZE OR HEIGHT OF CERTAIN  
NONCOMMERCIAL SIGNS PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON  
PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 153A-145.8. Limitation on regulation of political signs.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Article or any other provision of law, no county shall  
adopt or continue in effect an ordinance prohibiting or regulating the size or height of a  
noncommercial sign, including a political sign as defined in G.S. 136-32(c), that does not exceed  
64 square feet in size or 6 feet in height, and that is placed on private property with the permission  
of the owner of the property and outside of any right-of-way of a State highway."

**SECTION 2.** Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 153A-379. Limitation on regulation of political signs.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Article or any other provision of law, no county shall  
adopt or continue in effect an ordinance prohibiting or regulating the size or height of a  
noncommercial sign, including a political sign as defined in G.S. 136-32(c), that does not exceed  
64 square feet in size or 6 feet in height, and that is placed on private property with the permission  
of the owner of the property and outside of any right-of-way of a State highway."

**SECTION 3.** Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 160A-205.4. Limitation on regulation of political signs.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Article or any other provision of law, no municipality  
shall adopt or continue in effect an ordinance prohibiting or regulating the size or height of a  
noncommercial sign, including a political sign as defined in G.S. 136-32(c), that does not exceed  
64 square feet in size or 6 feet in height, and that is placed on private property with the permission  
of the owner of the property and outside of any right-of-way of a State highway or municipal  
street."

**SECTION 4.** Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 160A-367. Limitation on regulation of political signs.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Article or any other provision of law, no municipality  
shall adopt or continue in effect an ordinance prohibiting or regulating the size or height of a  
noncommercial sign, including a political sign as defined in G.S. 136-32(c), that does not exceed



1 64 square feet in size or 6 feet in height, and that is placed on private property with the permission  
2 of the owner of the property and outside of any right-of-way of a State highway or municipal  
3 street."

4           **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.