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**SENATE BILL 208**

Short Title: Remove Size Restrictions/Certain Polit. Signs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Daniel, and Hise (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 11, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SIZE RESTRICTIONS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS PLACED ON  
PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-32 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-32. Regulation of signs.

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(d) Sign Placement. – The permittee must obtain the permission of any property owner of a residence, business, or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected. Signs must be placed in accordance with the following:

- (1) No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
- (2) No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.
- (3) No sign shall obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.
- (4) No sign shall be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
- (5) No sign shall be larger than 864 square inches.
- (6) No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.

(d1) Subdivision (d)(4) or (d)(5) of this section shall not apply to a political sign that is placed (i) on private property with the permission of the property owner and (ii) outside of any State or municipal right-of-way.

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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to political signs placed on or after that date.

