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A BILL

To amend section 5301.072 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit certain restrictions on the display of 2
political yard signs. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5301.072 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5301.072. (A) No covenant, condition, or restriction 6
set forth in a deed, and no rule, regulation, bylaw, or other 7
governing document or agreement of a homeowners, neighborhood, 8
civic, or other association, shall prohibit or be construed to 9
prohibit any of the following: 10

(1) The placement on any property of a flagpole that is to 11
be used for the purpose of displaying the flag of the United 12
States, the flag of the state as defined in section 5.01 of the 13
Revised Code, or the national league of families POW/MIA flag 14
provided the flag and flag pole shall be of an appropriate size, 15
consistent with the size and character of the buildings that are 16
subject to the requirements or agreements of a homeowner, 17

neighborhood, civic, or other association; 18

(2) The display on any property of the flag of the United 19
States or the national league of families POW/MIA flag if the 20
flag is displayed in accordance with any of the following: 21

(a) The patriotic customs set forth in 4 U.S.C. 5-10, and 22
36 U.S.C. 902 governing the display and use of the flag; 23

(b) The consent of the property's owner or of any person 24
having lawful control of the property; 25

(c) The recommended flagpole standards set forth in "Our 26
Flag," published pursuant to S.C.R. 61 of the 105th Congress, 27
1st Session (1998); 28

(d) Any federal law, proclamation of the president of the 29
United States or the governor, section of the Revised Code, or 30
local ordinance or resolution. 31

(3) The display on any property of the state flag as 32
defined in section 5.01 of the Revised Code if the flag is 33
displayed in accordance with any of the following: 34

(a) The consent of the property's owner or of any person 35
having lawful control of the property; 36

(b) Any state law, local ordinance or resolution, or 37
proclamation by the governor of the state. 38

(4) The display of a service flag approved by the United 39
States secretary of defense for display in a window of the 40
residence of a member of the immediate family of an individual 41
serving in the armed forces of the United States. A service flag 42
includes a blue star banner, a gold star banner, and any other 43
flag the secretary of defense designates as a service flag. 44

(5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (5) (b) 45
or (c) of this section, the display of political yard signs. 46

(b) Division (A) (5) (a) of this section does not apply to a 47
political yard sign that violates section 2927.12 of the Revised 48
Code, 18 U.S.C. 249, or any other state or federal law, local 49
ordinance or resolution, or a proclamation by the governor of 50
the state. 51

(c) Division (A) (5) (a) of this section does not prohibit a 52
covenant, condition, or restriction set forth in a deed, or a 53
rule, regulation, bylaw, or other governing document or 54
agreement of a homeowners, neighborhood, civic, or other 55
association, that reasonably restricts the time and location in 56
which yard signs may be displayed; materials, size, and number 57
of yard signs; or the manner in which yard signs are placed. No 58
such covenant, condition, restriction, rule, regulation, bylaw, 59
or other governing document or agreement shall do either of the 60
following: 61

(i) Prohibit the display of political yard signs in the 62
thirty days preceding the next election to be held in the 63
territory in which the property is located; 64

(ii) Limit the size of political yard signs to less than 65
twelve inches in height, or less than eighteen inches in width. 66

(B) A covenant, condition, restriction, rule, regulation, 67
bylaw, governing document, or agreement or a construction of any 68
of these items that violates division (A) of this section is 69
against public policy and unenforceable in any court of this 70
state to the extent it violates that division. 71

Section 2. That existing section 5301.072 of the Revised 72
Code is hereby repealed. 73