FINAL BILL REPORT HB 2032

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Reducing the size of yard signs that are exempt from certain political advertising disclosure requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives Cheney, Low, Ramos and Graham.

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations Senate Committee on State Government & Elections

Background:

Under state law, political advertisements for candidates or ballot propositions must include certain disclosures:

- All advertisements must include the name and address of the sponsor.
- For candidates for partisan office, the candidate's party or independent preference must be included.
- If the advertisement is undertaken by someone other than a political party, it must state that no candidate authorized the advertisement, and it must include the name of who paid for it.
- If the advertisement is sponsored by a political committee, it must include a list of the
 committee's top five contributors; and if any of those contributors are political
 committees, a list of the top three donors to each committee must be included, and so
 on.

State law also prescribes the location, size, and display of those disclosures in visual or print advertisements.

Political advertisement yard signs that are 8 feet by 4 feet in size or smaller are exempt from the requirement to include the name and address of the sponsor, as well as the committee's top five contributors and the top three donors to political committees.

Summary:

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Political advertisement yard signs that are 8 feet by 4 feet in size or smaller are no longer exempt from displaying the sponsor's name and address.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 91 2

Senate 49 0 (Senate amended) House 89 4 (House concurred)

Effective: June 6, 2024