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..."
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 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.