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By: Washington County Delegation

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Washington County - Polling Places - Electioneering Boundaries
3 4 5	FOR the purpose of altering the location of the line beyond which electioneering is prohibited outside a polling place in Washington County; and generally relating to electioneering at a polling place in Washington County.
6 7 8 9 10	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Election Law Section 16–206(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)
11 12 13 14 15	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Election Law Section 16–206(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)
16 17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
18	Article – Election Law
19	16–206.
20 21 22 23	(b) (1) At each polling place, one election judge from each principal political party shall be designated by the local board and, acting jointly, shall post signs delineating a line around the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.



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1	(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
2	the line shall be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit
3	and shall be established after consideration of the configuration of the entrance and
4	the effect of placement on public safety and the flow of pedestrian and vehicular
5	traffic.
6	(ii) 1. In Montgomery County, on approval of the local
7	board, the line may be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the
8	entrance and exit.
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9	2. IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE LINE SHALL BE
10	LOCATED AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO 50 FEET FROM THE ENTRANCE AND
11	EXIT.
12	(3) The signs shall contain the words "No Electioneering Beyond this
13	Point".
14	(c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is
15	subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more
16	than 60 days or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect