

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 730 – *Election Law – Polling Places – Electioneering*.

This bill requires that electioneering be allowed on the premises of a public building that is used for a polling place up to a specified electioneering boundary and also requires that campaign signs be allowed on the premises of a public building that is used for a polling place for, at a minimum, specified time periods. The bill prohibits a polling place from being located in a privately owned building except under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 542, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 730.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley