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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

House Bill 619  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Hornberger, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Election Law - Campaign Signs at Polling Places**

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This bill modifies the time after which campaign signs must be allowed on the premises of a public, or privately owned, building in which a polling place or early voting center is located. The time is changed from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the day before an early voting period begins and the day immediately preceding Election Day.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect local government finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Pursuant to Chapter 498 of 2013, electioneering must be allowed on the premises of a public building used for a polling place up to a specified electioneering boundary. In addition, a polling place may not be located in a privately owned building unless the owner of the building agrees to allow electioneering on the premises up to the specified electioneering boundary. In both cases, campaign signs must be allowed on the premises, at a minimum, from 7 p.m. on the day before an early voting period begins and on the day before Election Day, until 8 a.m. on the day after the early voting period ends and on the day after Election Day.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 882 (Senator Simonaire) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Baltimore City; Kent, Montgomery, Washington, and Worcester counties; Department of Legislative Services

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