

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2026 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Enrolled - Revised**

House Bill 1178

(Delegates Harrison and Toles)

Government, Labor, and Elections

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**Municipalities - Annexation - Limitations**

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This emergency bill requires a municipality, after introducing an annexation resolution to annex land located in a different legislative district, to notify the members of the General Assembly for the district in which the land is located and for the district to which the land is being annexed, by electronic communication and the United States Postal Service.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect local government operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A municipality may enlarge its boundaries by annexation of land, subject to various criteria and procedures established in Title 4, Subtitle 4 of the Local Government Article, including adoption of an annexation plan (a plan for providing municipal services to the annexed area) and enactment of an annexation resolution.

The power of annexation applies only to land that is contiguous and adjoining to the existing boundaries of the municipality and does not create an unincorporated area that is bounded on all sides by: (1) real property presently in the boundaries of the municipality; (2) real property proposed to be in the boundaries of the municipality; or (3) any

combination of real property that is either presently or proposed to be in the boundaries of the municipality.

A municipality may not annex land that is in another municipality.

A [map](#) depicting each municipality in Maryland by legislative district is available on the Department of Legislative Services [website](#).

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 1525 of 2025.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Planning; Maryland Association of Counties; Maryland Municipal League; Department of Legislative Services

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