

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 36 (Delegates Kagan and Goldwater)

Economic Matters

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**Condominiums, Homeowners Associations, and Cooperative Housing  
Corporations - Political Signs**

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This bill provides that a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision of the bylaws or rules of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation may not prohibit or restrict the display of a “candidate sign” or a sign advertising the support or defeat of a question submitted to the voters in accordance with current law, except in common areas and in accordance with provisions of federal, State, and local law. The display of a sign may also be restricted to a time period not less than 30 days before and 7 days after a primary election, general election, or vote on a proposition if a local jurisdiction does not have a law specifying a limitation on a time period during which signs may be displayed.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Assuming that the Consumer Protection Division will receive fewer than 50 complaints per year stemming from this bill, existing resources should be adequate to handle any additional workload.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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