

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1148

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Judges" and substitute "Laws"; in the same line, strike "Washington County" and substitute "Single County Provisions"; in line 4, after "this" insert "increase"; strike beginning with "in" in line 5 down through "County" in line 7 and substitute "; providing that a provision regulating the placement of certain political messages on certain properties does not apply in Charles, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties"; in line 8, strike "compensation of election judges in Washington County" and substitute "application and modification of certain election provisions applicable to specified counties"; and after line 13, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 452

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 29, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

452.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place or cause to be placed upon any property of the State, county, city or town, or upon any property in which the person or persons have

(Over)

no right, title, interest, or estate, any political poster, placard, picture, sign, transparency, or advertisement.

(b) Any person or persons so doing shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$50 nor less than \$10 and costs.

(c) The requirements of this section apply only in the following counties:

(1) Allegany County

(2) Anne Arundel County

(3) Baltimore County

(4) Carroll County

(5) [Charles County

(6)] Harford County

[(7)] (6) Howard County

[(8)] (7) Prince George's County

[(9)] (8) Queen Anne's County

[(10) Washington County

(11) Worcester County

(12) Wicomico County].”;

in line 30, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in line 31, after “Maryland,” insert “Section 1 of”; and in line 33, after the second “of” insert “Section 1 of”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in lines 32 and 34, in each instance, strike "Election Judges" and substitute "election judges".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 6, strike "October" and substitute "July".