
By: **Delegates Bozman, Healey, Conway, R. Baker, and Moe**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes and Punishments - Political Posters**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a provision regulating the placement of certain
4 political messages on certain properties does not apply to certain counties; and
5 generally relating to the placement of political messages on certain properties.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 452
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 452.

15 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place or cause to be placed
16 upon any property of the State, county, city or town, or upon any property in which
17 the person or persons have no right, title, interest, or estate, any political poster,
18 placard, picture, sign, transparency, or advertisement.

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

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

- 22 (1) Allegany County
- 23 (2) Anne Arundel County
- 24 (3) Baltimore County
- 25 (4) Carroll County

- 1 (5) Charles County
- 2 (6) Harford County
- 3 (7) Howard County
- 4 (8) [Prince George's County
- 5 (9)] Queen Anne's County
- 6 [(10)] (9) Washington County
- 7 [(11)] Worcester County
- 8 (12) Wicomico County].

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2001.