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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1134 (Delegate Bozman, *et al.*)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Crimes and Punishments - Political Posters**

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This bill removes Prince George's, Wicomico, and Worcester counties from the list of counties in which persons are banned from placing political posters or advertisements on public property.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Revenues could decrease minimally due to loss of fines, but violators of the statute are rarely prosecuted in the listed counties. No effect on expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** It is unlawful to post political posters or advertisements on public property in the following counties: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Charles, Harford, Howard, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester. Individuals convicted of this violation can be fined up to \$50.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections; Prince George's, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; Department of Legislative Services

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