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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 169 (Delegate Bozman, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Political Posters - Worcester County

This bill removes Worcester county from the list of counties in which persons are banned from placing political posters or advertisements on public property.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: No significant impact on Worcester County finances because violators of the ban are rarely prosecuted.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Article 27 of the Maryland Code makes it 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. However, Senate Bill 1 (Election Code Revision) would repeal this provision if enacted.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill, HB 1134 was introduced in the 2001 session. It would have removed Prince George's, Wicomico, and Worcester counties from the list. It was unfavorably reported from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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