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House Bill 534
Ways and Means

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Carroll County and Montgomery County - Polling Places - Electioneering
Boundaries
MC 19-11**

This bill specifies that in Carroll County and Montgomery County, on approval of the local board of elections, the electioneering boundary for a polling place may be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to the part of the building in which voting occurs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County expenditures may increase by up to \$10,800 in FY 2012 to survey polling places to establish new electioneering boundaries. Carroll County finances are not expected to be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An electioneering boundary must be established at each polling place, as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit, delineated by signs stating, "No Electioneering Beyond this Point." Election judges from each principal political party, acting jointly, post the signs delineating the boundary around the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to the part of the building in which voting occurs.

Local Fiscal Effect: Montgomery County expenditures may increase by up to \$10,815 in fiscal 2012 due to personnel, mileage, cell phone, and other costs associated with

surveying polling places to establish new electioneering boundaries for revised diagrams/maps of polling place sites to provide to election judges, technicians, transportation personnel, election day support personnel, board members, polling place evaluators, candidates, and public safety. Carroll County indicates the bill will not have a fiscal impact on the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 573/HB 1337 of 2010, similar bills, but applicable statewide, received hearings in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, respectively, but no further action was taken. HB 671 of 2009, also a similar bill applicable statewide, received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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