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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 138  
Ways and Means

(Carroll County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Carroll County - Polling Places - Electioneering Boundaries**

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This bill repeals an authorization for electioneering boundaries at polling places in Carroll County to, on approval of the local board of elections, be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs. Instead, a generally applicable requirement that an electioneering boundary be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit would apply in the county.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill will not impact Carroll County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**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. The boundary must be established after consideration of the configuration of the entrance and the effect of placement on public safety and the flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Pursuant to Chapter 344 of 2011, in Carroll and Montgomery counties, on approval of the local board, the electioneering boundary may be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the entrance and exit.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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