HOUSE BILL 1119

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Polling Places and Early Voting Centers – Aerial Pictures of Electioneering Boundary

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to post aerial pictures on their websites showing the location of the electioneering boundary for polling places and early voting centers; and generally relating to the electioneering boundary at polling places and early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 16–206(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

16–206.

(b) (1) At each polling place, one election judge from each principal political party shall be designated by the local board and, acting jointly, shall post signs delineating a line around the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the line shall be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit and shall 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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(ii) In Montgomery County, on approval of the local board, the line may be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the entrance and exit.

(3) The signs shall contain the words “No Electioneering Beyond this Point”.

(4) (I) BEFORE EACH ELECTION:

1. THE State Board of Elections shall post on its website an aerial picture of the premises of each polling place and early voting center in the State; and

2. Each local board of elections shall post on its website an aerial picture of the premises of each polling place and early voting center in the county.

(II) Each aerial picture posted under subparagraph (I) of this paragraph shall include a line indicating where the electioneering boundary is located for that polling place or early voting center.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022.