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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1060
Ways and Means

(Washington County Delegation)

Washington County - Polling Places - Electioneering Boundaries

This bill requires that electioneering boundaries at polling places in Washington County be located as near as practicable to 50 feet from the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

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. 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.

In Montgomery County, on approval of the local board of elections, the electioneering boundary may be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the entrance and exit.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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