

Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", said new section to follow immediately after Section 5(c) thereof and to read as follows:

(5d). *Nothing in Sub-section (a) of this section shall prohibit the use of such evidence in ~~Wicomico County~~ PRINCE GEORGE'S, HOWARD, WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES in the prosecution of any person for a violation of the lottery laws as contained in Sections 423 to 438, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) as amended or supplemented from time to time, sub-title "Lotteries."*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 11, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 276

(Senate Bill 278)

AN ACT to add a new section of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 547-A under a new sub-title "Political Posters and Placards", and to follow immediately after Section 547 of said Code, prohibiting the placing of political posters and placards upon private and public property.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 547-A under a new sub-title "Political Posters and Placards", and to follow immediately after Section 547 of said Code, and to read as follows:*

*547-A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place or caused to be placed upon any property of the State, county, city or town, or upon any property in which said person or persons have no right, title, interest, or estate, any political poster, placard, picture, sign, transparency, or advertisement. Any person or persons so doing shall, upon conviction thereof, before a Justice of the Peace, be fined not more than \$50 nor less than \$10 and costs. Provided, however, that the requirements of this section shall apply to CARROLL, HARFORD, WORCESTER, HOWARD, ANNE ARUNDEL, WASHINGTON, PRINCE GEORGE'S AND ~~Baltimore County~~ BALTIMORE COUNTIES only.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 11, 1955.

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.