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(a) The following offenses shall be punished as in this section provided. For any person:

(1) Wilfully to destroy or deface any ballot or, except as provided in this article, to take or remove any ballot outside of the building in which voting occurs, before the close of the polls; or

(2) Wilfully to delay the delivery of any ballot; or

(3) On or before the day of any election to have or retain in his possession any official ballot printed for said election unless such possession by him is necessary or appropriate and designed for the purpose of carrying out the true intent and meaning of this article; or

(4) To canvass, electioneer or post any campaign material in said polling place or ~~within limits provided by signs posted by the election judges under this paragraph. The chief judges at each polling place shall post signs at a convenient location prohibiting election signs within a 100-foot radius from the entrance and exit of the building closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs. However, in~~ BEYOND A LINE ESTABLISHED BY SIGNS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH. AT EACH POLLING PLACE, 2 ELECTION JUDGES, 1 FROM EACH PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY, SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE ELECTION BOARD AND, ACTING JOINTLY, SHALL POST SIGNS OUTLINING A LINE AROUND THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF THE BUILDING CLOSEST TO THAT PART OF THE BUILDING IN WHICH VOTING OCCURS. 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. THE SIGNS SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING OR COMPARABLE LANGUAGE: "NO ELECTIONEERING BEYOND THIS POINT". IN Anne Arundel and Harford counties, no person may canvass, electioneer, or post any campaign literature or material on election day in a polling place or within a 300 foot radius from the entrance and exit of the building closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.

(b) Violation of this section is punishable by fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or shall be imprisoned in jail for not exceeding sixty days, or shall be subject to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

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