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CHAPTER 303

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law Article - Cross-References and Corrections**

3 FOR the purpose of correcting certain cross-references to the Election Law Article in
4 the Annotated Code of Maryland; correcting a certain obsolete reference;
5 clarifying and correcting certain provisions; repealing certain obsolete
6 references; defining a certain term; making certain provisions of this Act subject
7 to a certain contingency; providing for the effective date of this Act; and
8 generally relating to the Election Law Article.

9 BY renumbering
10 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation
11 Section 25(k) through (aa), respectively
12 to be Section 25(l) through (bb), respectively
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to
16 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation
17 Section 25(k)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2001 Replacement Volume)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
22 Section 15-112(r)(10)(i)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland

- 1 (2001 Replacement Volume)
- 2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
3 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
4 Section 1-108(c) and 13-104(1)
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2001 Replacement Volume)
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 25B - Home Rule for Code Counties
9 Section 1(d), 7(a), and 10(h)(2)(ii)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Corporations and Associations
14 Section 5-6B-18.2(b)(2)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
19 Section 4-401(10)(viii) and 5-106(h)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article - Education
24 Section 3-114(c), 3-201(e)(8), 3-801(d)(2)(iii), and 3-1101(e)(5)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2001 Replacement Volume)
- 27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
28 Article - Election Law
29 Section 2-207(f), 2-301(a)(4), 3-302(a), 5-403(c)(1), 13-208(c), 13-230(b)(2) and
30 (c)(2)(ii), 13-240(b), 13-241(a)(2), 13-242(a)(3), 13-305(a)(1)(ii) and (2),
31 14-101, 14-104, and 14-105
32 Annotated Code of Maryland
33 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)
- 34 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
35 Article - Election Law
36 Section 14-102, 14-103, 14-106, 14-107, and 14-108
37 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
3 Article - Environment
4 Section 9-934(d)(2)
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Real Property
9 Section 11-111.2(b)(2) and 11B-111.2(b)(2)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - State Finance and Procurement
14 Section 13-218(a)(7), 17-401, and 17-402
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - State Government
19 Section 2-1243(a)(1)(iii), 15-102(p)(2)(i) and (cc), 15-605(d)(2)(ii), 15-707(a)(3),
20 15-714(a), 15-715(h), (i)(2), and (j), 15-844(b) and (c), and 15-845(b)(1)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
25 Section 2-304(b)(1) and (d)(1), 22-201(b)(6), and 23-201(b)(5)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
29 Article - Tax - Property
30 Section 7-232
31 Annotated Code of Maryland
32 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
34 Article - Transportation
35 Section 8-714(b)(4)(i)
36 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2001 Replacement Volume)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

3 Article - Education

4 Section 3-1401(b)(2)

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (2001 Replacement Volume)

7 (As enacted by Section 1 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the General Assembly of

8 2001)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Education

11 Section 3-1401(b)(3)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2001 Replacement Volume)

14 (As enacted by Section 2 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the General Assembly of

15 2001)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 25(k) through (aa), respectively, of Article 1 - Rules of
18 Interpretation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
19 25(l) through (bb), respectively.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
21 read as follows:

22 **Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation**

23 25.

24 (K) A SECTION OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE MAY BE CITED AS: "§ OF THE
25 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE".

26 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

27 15-112.

28 (r) (10) (i) In this paragraph, "candidate", "contribution", and "political
29 committee" have the meanings stated in [Article 33,] § 1-101 of the [Code]
30 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

31 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

32 1-108.

33 (c) If the charter of a political subdivision contains a durational residency
34 requirement that is longer than 6 months, the longer durational residency

1 requirement shall be retained if the governing body of the political subdivision
2 reaffirms the longer durational residency requirement by enactment of an ordinance
3 effective no later than 4 weeks prior to the filing deadline specified in [Article 33, §
4 5-303(a) of the Code] § 5-303(A) OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

5 13-104.

6 Notwithstanding any other law of this State effective on or before June 30, 1973,
7 or any local law, the restrictions imposed by this title are the only restrictions on the
8 political activities of an employee of a local entity, except for the restrictions that are:

9 (1) Imposed on an employee of a board of supervisors of elections by
10 [Article 33, § 2-301 of the Code] § 2-301 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE; or

11 **Article 25B - Home Rule for Code Counties**

12 1.

13 (d) "Registered voter" means a person who is registered to vote in State and
14 county elections under the provisions of [Article 33 of this Code] THE ELECTION LAW
15 ARTICLE.

16 7.

17 (a) The board of supervisors of elections, at the next regular congressional
18 election and in accordance with requirements as to time, notice, and form in [Article
19 33 of this Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, shall submit the question of code home
20 rule status to the registered voters of the county for their adoption or rejection. The
21 ballots or voting machine labels, as the case may be, shall contain the words "For
22 Adoption of Code Home Rule Status" and "Against Adoption of Code Home Rule
23 Status". If a majority of those who vote on the question cast their votes in favor of
24 adoption, the board of county commissioners publicly shall so proclaim within ten
25 days after receiving a certification of the votes from the board of supervisors of
26 elections; and on the thirtieth day following the public proclamation the county shall
27 become a code home rule county. If a majority of those persons who vote on the
28 question cast their votes against adoption, the board of county commissioners
29 likewise shall so proclaim, and in this event the proposal is rejected at that election.
30 10.

31 (h) (2) The citizens of a code county, by petition, may submit to the
32 registered voters of the county any public local law or portion thereof enacted under
33 this subtitle. The submission shall be:

34 (ii) In accordance with requirements as to time, notice, and form in
35 [Article 33 of this Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE; and

1 **Article - Corporations and Associations**

2 5-6B-18.2.

3 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a recorded covenant or
4 restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of
5 cooperative housing corporation may not prohibit or restrict the display of:

6 (2) A sign that advertises the support or defeat of any question
7 submitted to the voters in accordance with [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION
8 LAW ARTICLE.

9 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

10 4-401.

11 Except as provided in § 4-402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue
12 provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil
13 jurisdiction in:

14 (10) A proceeding for adjudication of:

15 (viii) A civil infraction relating to a violation of the [Fair Election
16 Practices Act of the election laws as provided under Article 33, § 13-604 of the Code]
17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS UNDER § 13-604 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE;

18 5-106.

19 (h) A prosecution to impose a civil fine for an offense arising under [Article 33,
20 § 13-604 of the Code] § 13-604 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE shall be instituted
21 within 3 years after the offense was committed.

22 **Article - Education**

23 3-114.

24 (c) The election of the county boards shall be held as provided in Subtitles 2
25 through 13 of this title and [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

26 3-201.

27 (e) (8) Except as provided in this subsection, an election to fill a vacancy on
28 the Allegany County Board of Education shall be governed by §§ 8-801 through 8-806
29 of [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

30 3-801.

31 (d) (2) (iii) The election provided for in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph
32 shall be governed by Title 8, Subtitle 8 of [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW
33 ARTICLE.

1 3-1101.

2 (e) (5) Except as specified in this section, elections shall be conducted in
3 accordance with [Article 33,] Title 8, Subtitle 8 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW
4 ARTICLE.

5 **Article - Election Law**

6 2-207.

7 (f) The [elections administrator] ELECTION DIRECTOR in Prince George's
8 County shall be in the exempt service under the Prince George's County Personnel
9 System.

10 2-301.

11 (a) This section applies to:

12 (4) An employee of the State Board or of a local board, including the
13 election director [and the elections administrator] of a board.

14 3-302.

15 (a) [(1) Registration is closed between 9 p.m. on the 5th Monday preceding
16 any primary election, special primary election, general election, or special election
17 and the 11th day after that election.

18 (2) Beginning with the primary election in 2000, and for any subsequent
19 election prior to the primary election in 2002, registration is closed beginning at 9
20 p.m. on the 25th day preceding the election until the 11th day after that election.

21 (3) Beginning with the primary election in 2002, and for any subsequent
22 election, registration] REGISTRATION is closed beginning at 9 p.m. on the 21st day
23 preceding an election until the 11th day after that election.

24 5-403.

25 (c) Filing fees received by the State Board shall be divided and distributed:

26 (1) With respect to candidates for statewide office:

27 (i) \$60 to the Baltimore City Board [of Supervisors] of Elections;
28 and

29 (ii) \$10 each to each other local board;

30 13-208.

31 (c) The statement of purpose shall specify:

1 (1) each candidate or ballot question, if any, that the political committee
2 was formed to promote or defeat; and

3 (2) the identity of [the] EACH special [interests] INTEREST, including
4 any business or occupation, [if any,] that the organizers of or contributors to the
5 political committee have in common.

6 13-230.

7 (b) (2) Uncharged interest is the amount by which, during a reporting
8 period, the interest actually charged on the loan is less than the interest [would be if]
9 ON THE LOAN computed at the prime rate applicable on the day the loan was made.

10 (c) (2) (ii) Unless a loan by a candidate or the candidate's spouse to a
11 campaign finance entity of the candidate complies with paragraph (1) of this
12 subsection:

13 1. the loan may not accrue interest;

14 2. any interest foregone on the loan is not a contribution
15 under subsection (b) of this section; and

16 3. the campaign finance entity is not subject to:

17 A. § 13-310(a) and (b) of this title so long as the loan has an
18 outstanding principal balance; AND

19 B. SUBSECTION (A)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

20 13-240.

21 (b) Notwithstanding § 13-239 of this subtitle or any other law that prohibits
22 an anonymous contribution, a political committee [may accept, and need not identify
23 the individual donor in its account book, the money received from the sale of a spin or
24 chance] MAY ACCEPT MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF A SPIN OR CHANCE, AND
25 NEED NOT IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASER IN ITS ACCOUNT BOOK, if:

26 (1) the account book of the political committee includes:

27 (i) the net amount received by the political committee at the event
28 at which the sale was made; and

29 (ii) the name and address of each individual who attended the
30 event;

31 (2) no spin or chance is sold at the event for more than \$2;

32 (3) the net income of the sponsoring political committee from spins and
33 chances at the event does not exceed \$1,500 in a 24-hour period; and

1 (4) the total receipts of the sponsoring political committee from spins
2 and chances in that election do not exceed \$2,500.

3 13-241.

4 (a) (2) "Affiliated political action committee" means a political ACTION
5 committee affiliated with an employee membership entity.

6 13-242.

7 (a) (3) "Affiliated political action committee" means a political ACTION
8 committee affiliated with an employee membership entity.

9 13-305.

10 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a campaign finance entity
11 that is a personal treasurer is not required to file the campaign finance reports
12 prescribed by § 13-304 of this subtitle if the responsible officers file an affidavit:

13 (ii) stating that the personal treasurer [account] does not intend
14 either to raise contributions in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more or, exclusive
15 of the filing fee, make expenditures in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more.

16 (2) If the personal treasurer [account] receives cumulative contributions
17 of \$1,000 or more or makes cumulative expenditures of \$1,000 or more, the personal
18 treasurer [account] shall file all subsequent campaign finance reports prescribed by
19 this subtitle.

20 14-101.

21 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) "Applicable contribution" means a contribution to a candidate, or a series
23 of such contributions, in a cumulative amount in excess of \$500.

24 (c) "Business entity" includes a firm, corporation, trust, unincorporated
25 association, or other organization, whether or not conducted for profit.

26 (d) "Candidate" includes an incumbent office holder.

27 (e) "Contract" includes a sale, purchase, lease, or other agreement.

28 (f) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, "contribution" has the
29 meaning stated in § 1-101 of this article.

30 (2) "Contribution" does not include:

31 (i) a bona fide gift by a spouse or relative within the third degree of
32 consanguinity; or

1 (ii) an honorary membership in a social, service, or fraternal
2 organization presented as a courtesy by the organization.

3 (g) (1) "Doing public business" means making, during any 12-month period,
4 one or more contracts with one or more governmental entities involving cumulative
5 consideration of at least \$100,000.

6 (2) "Doing public business" does not include receiving a salary from a
7 governmental entity.

8 (h) "Governmental entity" means:

9 (1) the State, a county, a municipal corporation, or other political
10 subdivision of the State; and

11 (2) a unit of the State, a county, a municipal corporation, or other
12 political subdivision of the State.

13 (I) "MAKE A CONTRIBUTION" INCLUDES TO CAUSE A CONTRIBUTION TO BE
14 MADE.

15 14-102.

16 For purposes of this title, words and phrases defined under § 1-101 of this
17 article shall be deemed, as the case may be, to include or apply to an individual who
18 seeks or holds elective office in a municipal corporation and a campaign fundraising
19 entity for that individual.

20 14-103.

21 A contribution to a campaign finance entity of a candidate shall be deemed to be
22 a contribution to the candidate for the purposes of this title.

23 14-104.

24 (a) A person doing public business shall file a statement with the State Board
25 as provided in this section.

26 (b) (1) When a contract is made that causes a person to be doing public
27 business, an initial statement shall be filed:

28 (i) at that time, covering the preceding 24 months, if the person
29 has made an applicable contribution within that period; or

30 (ii) if subparagraph (i) of this paragraph does not apply, but the
31 person subsequently makes an applicable contribution during a reporting period
32 specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection, as required by that paragraph.

33 (2) (i) A person shall file a semi-annual statement in accordance with
34 this paragraph for each reporting period specified in subparagraph (ii) of this
35 paragraph in which the person has made an applicable contribution if:

- 1 1. performance remains uncompleted on any contract that
2 caused the person to be doing public business; or
- 3 2. the person is doing public business.
- 4 (ii) 1. The statements required by subparagraph (i) of this
5 paragraph shall cover 6-month reporting periods ending on January 31 and July 31.
- 6 2. A statement required by subparagraph (i) of this
7 paragraph shall be filed within 5 days after the end of the applicable reporting period.
- 8 (c) (1) The statement required by this section shall be made under oath and
9 shall contain:
- 10 (i) the name of each candidate to whom an applicable contribution
11 was made [or caused to be made] during the reporting period and, if not previously
12 reported, during the preceding reporting period;
- 13 (ii) the office sought by each candidate named in item (i) of this
14 paragraph;
- 15 (iii) the amount of aggregate contributions made to each candidate
16 named in item (i) of this paragraph;
- 17 (iv) the name of each unit of a governmental entity with which the
18 person did public business during the reporting period;
- 19 (v) the nature and amount of public business done with each unit of
20 a governmental entity; and
- 21 (vi) if the public business was done or the contribution was made by
22 another person but is attributed to the person filing the statement, the name of the
23 person who did the public business or made the contribution and the relationship of
24 that person to the person filing the statement.
- 25 (2) The information required by paragraph (1)(iv) and (v) of this
26 subsection may be omitted on the written approval of the Attorney General if the
27 Attorney General finds that:
- 28 (i) requiring the information would be unduly burdensome;
- 29 (ii) the public interest would not be impaired substantially by the
30 omission of this information; and
- 31 (iii) the person filing the statement stipulates that the person has
32 done public business during the reporting period.
- 33 (d) (1) The State Board shall retain each statement filed under this title as
34 a public record for at least 2 years after its receipt and shall make the statement
35 available for public examination and copying during normal office hours.

1 (2) The State Board may establish reasonable fees and administrative
2 procedures governing public examination and copying of the statements filed under
3 this section.

4 (e) The State Board shall prescribe and make available forms for the
5 statements required by this section.

6 14-105.

7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, [a] AN APPLICABLE
8 contribution made by an officer, director, or partner of a business entity or, if made at
9 the suggestion or direction of a business entity, by an employee, agent, or other
10 person, shall be attributed to the business entity.

11 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, each officer, director, or
12 partner of a business entity who makes [or causes to be made a] AN APPLICABLE
13 contribution shall report the APPLICABLE contribution to the chief executive officer of
14 the business entity.

15 (c) Each employee, agent, or other person who, at the suggestion or direction
16 of a business entity, makes [a] AN APPLICABLE contribution [or causes a
17 contribution to be made], shall report the APPLICABLE contribution to the chief
18 executive officer of the business entity.

19 (d) (1) Business done with a governmental entity by a subsidiary of a
20 business entity shall be attributed to the business entity if 30% or more of the equity
21 of the subsidiary is owned or controlled by the business entity.

22 (2) [Contributions] APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTIONS made by[, caused to
23 be made by,] or attributed to a subsidiary described in paragraph (1) of this
24 subsection shall be attributed to the business entity.

25 (e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, [a] AN APPLICABLE
26 contribution made by an individual who serves as a trustee or member of the board of
27 directors of a not-for-profit organization is not attributable to the organization, and
28 the individual is not required to report the APPLICABLE contribution to the chief
29 executive officer of the organization.

30 (2) This subsection does not apply if:

31 (i) the APPLICABLE contribution is made on the recommendation of
32 the not-for-profit organization; or

33 (ii) the individual described in paragraph (1) of this subsection is
34 paid by the not-for-profit organization.

1 14-106.

2 If a contract involves consideration to be paid over multiple reporting periods,
3 the total ascertainable consideration to be paid under the contract shall be
4 attributable to the date when the contract is made.

5 14-107.

6 (a) A person who knowingly and willfully violates this title is guilty of a
7 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or
8 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

9 (b) An officer or partner of a business entity who knowingly authorizes or
10 participates in a violation of this title by the business entity is subject to the penalty
11 provided in subsection (a) of this section.

12 14-108.

13 This title shall be liberally construed to require full disclosure.

14 **Article - Environment**

15 9-934.

16 (d) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, [Article 33 of the Code]
17 THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE governs the conduct of the referendum.

18 **Article - Real Property**

19 11-111.2.

20 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a recorded covenant or
21 restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a
22 condominium may not restrict or prohibit the display of:

23 (2) A sign that advertises the support or defeat of any question
24 submitted to voters in accordance with [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW
25 ARTICLE.

26 11B-111.2.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a recorded covenant or
28 restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a
29 homeowners association may not restrict or prohibit the display of:

30 (2) A sign that advertises the support or defeat of any question
31 submitted to the voters in accordance with [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION
32 LAW ARTICLE.

Article - State Finance and Procurement

1 13-218.

2 (a) Each procurement contract shall include clauses covering:

3 (7) the obligation of the contractor to comply with the political
4 contribution reporting requirements under Title 14 of [Article 33 of the Code] THE
5 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, to which the contractor may be subject as required under §
6 17-402 of this article; and

7 17-401.

8 In this subtitle, "contribution" has the meaning stated in [Article 33,] § 1-101 of
9 the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

10 17-402.

11 Each State or local government procurement contract shall include a clause
12 covering the obligation of a contractor to comply with the political contribution
13 reporting requirements under Title 14 of [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW
14 ARTICLE to which the contractor may be subject.

Article - State Government

15 2-1243.

16 (a) (1) After each regular session, the Department shall compile and index:

17 (iii) the certificates of the [State Administrative Board of Election
18 Laws] STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS as to the referendum vote on a law, if the vote
19 has not been published previously; and

20 15-102.

21 (p) (2) "Gift" does not include the solicitation, acceptance, receipt, or
22 regulation of a political contribution that is regulated in accordance with:

23 (i) [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE; or

24 (cc) "Political contribution" means contributions as defined in [Article 33,] §
25 1-101 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

26 15-605.

27 (d) (2) In the year of the election the statement shall be filed on or before the
28 earlier of:

29 (ii) the last day for the withdrawal of a candidacy under [Article
30 33,] § 5-502 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

1 15-707.

2 (a) In addition to any other report required under this subtitle, an individual
3 regulated lobbyist described in § 15-701(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subtitle shall file
4 a separate report disclosing any contributions made:

5 (3) under the provisions of [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION
6 LAW ARTICLE; and

7 15-714.

8 (a) In this section, "candidate", "contribution", and "political committee" have
9 the meanings provided in [Article 33,] § 1-101 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW
10 ARTICLE.

11 15-715.

12 (h) A person who files, under the provisions of [Article 33,] Title 14 of the
13 [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, all information required by this section may satisfy
14 the requirements of this section by submitting a notice to that effect on the
15 appropriate prescribed form.

16 (i) The State Board of Elections shall:

17 (2) retain each statement filed under this section in the same manner,
18 and subject to the same standards of public access, as a statement filed under the
19 provisions of [Article 33,] Title 14 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE; and

20 (j) The statement required under this section shall be filed in the manner
21 prescribed for statements filed under [Article 33,] Title 14 of the [Code] ELECTION
22 LAW ARTICLE.

23 15-844.

24 (b) "Candidate" has the meaning stated in [Article 33,] § 1-101 of the [Code]
25 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, but only as it applies to a candidate seeking election as a
26 local official.

27 (c) "Contribution" and "political committee" have the meanings stated in
28 [Article 33,] § 1-101 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

29 15-845.

30 (b) This Part VI may not be construed to prohibit a lobbyist from:

31 (1) making a personal contribution within the limitations established
32 under [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE; or

1 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

2 2-304.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other law of the State effective on or before June 30,
4 1973, the restrictions imposed by subsection (c) of this section are the only restrictions
5 on the political activities of an employee, except for:

6 (1) the restrictions imposed on employees of a board of supervisors of
7 elections by [Article 33,] § 2-301 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE; and

8 (d) (1) In this subsection, "political contribution" means a contribution as
9 defined in [Article 33,] § 1-101 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

10 22-201.

11 (b) Sections 22-202 through 22-204 of this subtitle do not apply to:

12 (6) an employee of a board of supervisors of elections who [chose]
13 CHOOSES to stay in a local merit system under [Article 33,] § 2-207 of the [Code]
14 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

15 23-201.

16 (b) Sections 23-202 through 23-205 of this subtitle do not apply to:

17 (5) an employee of a board of supervisors of elections who [chose]
18 CHOOSES to stay in a local merit system under [Article 33,] § 2-207 of the [Code]
19 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE;

20 **Article - Tax - Property**

21 7-232.

22 A voting system, as defined in [Article 33,] § 1-101 of the [Code] ELECTION
23 LAW ARTICLE, and related equipment, that is leased, rented, or acquired by a board of
24 supervisors of elections is not subject to valuation or to property tax.

25 **Article - Transportation**

26 8-714.

27 (b) A permit is not required under this section to erect or maintain any
28 outdoor sign:

29 (4) That advertises a candidate or the support or defeat of any
30 proposition. This sign:

31 (i) Shall comply with all provisions of [Article 33 of this Code] THE
32 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE;

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - Education**

4 3-1401.

5 (b) (2) Members of the Worcester County Board shall be elected in
6 accordance with [Article 33,] Title 8, Subtitle 8 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW
7 ARTICLE.

8 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
9 read as follows:

10 **Article - Education**

11 3-1401.

12 (b) (3) Members of the Worcester County Board shall be elected in
13 accordance with [Article 33,] Title 8, Subtitle 8 of the [Code] ELECTION LAW
14 ARTICLE.

15 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act
16 shall take effect January 1, 2003, contingent on the taking effect of the contingency
17 set forth in Section 6 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001 and
18 on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
19 2002.

20 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act
21 shall take effect January 1, 2003, contingent on the failure to take effect of the
22 contingency set forth in Section 6 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the General Assembly
23 of 2001 and on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General
24 Assembly of 2002.

25 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 2 of this
26 Act shall take effect January 1, 2003, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____
27 (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, and if Chapter ____ does not
28 become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action
29 by the General Assembly.