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§6–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Affidavit” means a statement executed under penalty of perjury.
- (c) “Chief election official” means:
 - (1) as to the State Board, the State Administrator; or
 - (2) as to a local board, the election director.
- (d) “Circulator” means an individual who attests to one or more signatures affixed to a petition.
- (e) “Election authority” means:
 - (1) the State Board; or
 - (2) as to a local petition, the local board for that county.
- (f) “Legal authority” means:
 - (1) the Attorney General; or
 - (2) as to a local petition, the counsel to the local board appointed under § 2-205 of this article for that county.
- (g) “Local petition” means a petition:
 - (1) on which the signatures from only one county may be counted; and
 - (2) that does not seek to:
 - (i) refer a public local law enacted by the General Assembly; or
 - (ii) nominate an individual for an office for which a certificate of candidacy is required to be filed with the State Board.
- (h) “Page” means a piece of paper comprising a part of a petition.
- (i) “Petition” means all of the associated pages necessary to fulfill the requirements of a process established by the law by which individuals affix their signatures as evidence of support for:
 - (1) placing the name of an individual, the names of individuals, or a

question on the ballot at any election;

(2) the creation of a new political party; or

(3) the appointment of a charter board under Article XI-A, § 1A of the Maryland Constitution.

(j) “Sponsor” means the person who coordinates the collection of signatures for a petition and who, if the petition is filed, is named on the information page as required by § 6-201 of this title.

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