

# HOUSE BILL 1164

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By: **Delegates Buckel and McKay**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Contribution to a Candidate for Judicial Office**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that an individual who makes a contribution to a campaign  
4 finance entity of a candidate for a judicial office and the candidate is elected as judge,  
5 or who makes a contribution to a campaign finance entity established by another  
6 person to support a candidate for a judicial office and the candidate is elected as  
7 judge, may not appear as an attorney of record or be a party in any matter before  
8 that judge for a certain period of time; and generally relating to a contribution to a  
9 candidate for judicial office.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Election Law

12 Section 13–244

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 **13–244.**

19 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES A**  
20 **CONTRIBUTION TO:**

21 **(1) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A JUDICIAL**  
22 **OFFICE AND THE CANDIDATE IS ELECTED AS JUDGE; OR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ESTABLISHED BY ANOTHER**  
2 **PERSON TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE FOR A JUDICIAL OFFICE AND THE CANDIDATE IS**  
3 **ELECTED AS JUDGE.**

4                   **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT FOR 5 YEARS**  
5 **AFTER THE DATE OF THE CONTRIBUTION:**

6                   **(1) APPEAR AS AN ATTORNEY OF RECORD BEFORE THE JUDGE TO**  
7 **WHOSE CAMPAIGN THE CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE; OR**

8                   **(2) BE A PARTY OF RECORD IN ANY MATTER BEFORE THE JUDGE TO**  
9 **WHOSE CAMPAIGN THE CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE.**

10                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11                   October 1, 2016.