

SENATE BILL 130

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Ballot Issues – Contributions or Donations by Foreign Principals**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a foreign principal from making a contribution to a ballot
4 issue committee or making a donation to a person that makes independent
5 expenditures or electioneering communications relating to a ballot issue; defining a
6 certain term; and generally relating to campaign activity concerning ballot issues
7 and contributions and donations by foreign principals.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Election Law

10 Section 13–236.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 **13–236.1.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “FOREIGN PRINCIPAL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
18 22 U.S.C. § 611(B).

19 (B) A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL MAY NOT:

20 (1) MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE; OR

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) MAKE A DONATION TO A PERSON THAT MAKES INDEPENDENT**
2 **EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO A BALLOT**
3 **ISSUE.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2017.