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By: Delegate Arnick

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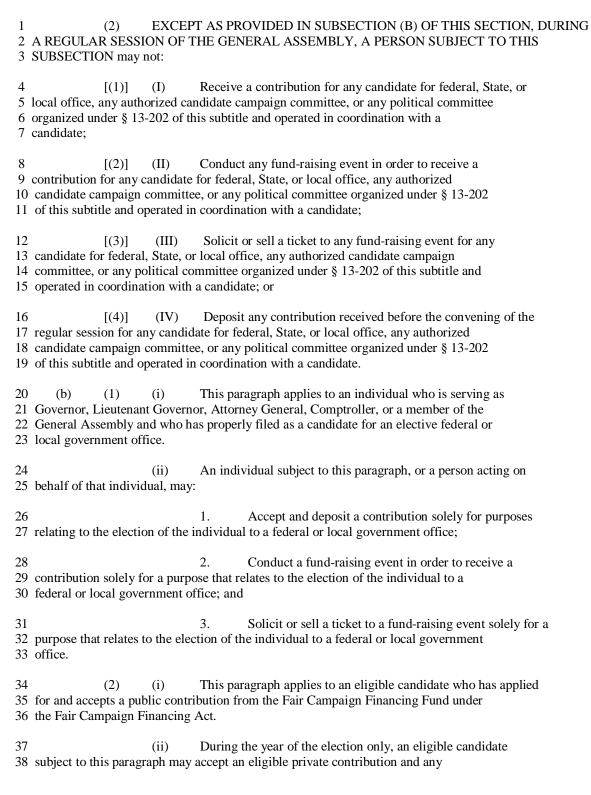
2 Election Law - Restriction on Fund-Raising - Legislative Session

- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a candidate who has filed a certificate of candidacy for
- 4 certain State offices, or a person acting on behalf of the candidate, from
- 5 engaging in certain fund-raising activities during the regular session of the
- 6 General Assembly; prescribing certain penalties; making stylistic changes; and
- 7 generally relating to the restriction of campaign fund-raising activities during
- 8 the regular legislative session.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article 33 Election Code
- 11 Section 13-215
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 Article 33 - Election Code

- 17 13-215.
- 18 (a) (1) [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, during a regular
- 19 session of the General Assembly, the] THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO:
- 20 (I) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING AS Governor, [the] Lieutenant
- 21 Governor, [the] Attorney General, [the] Comptroller, OR a member of the General
- 22 Assembly[,];
- 23 (II) A CANDIDATE WHO HAS FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY
- 24 FOR ANY OFFICE LISTED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; [or a] AND
- 25 (III) A person acting on behalf of [any of these officeholders,] AN
- 26 OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE LISTED UNDER ITEM (I) OR (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

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2 contributions. 3 If a person violates any of the provisions of this section, the person's (c) 4 committee is liable for a civil penalty as provided in this subsection. For any violation of this section, the State Board, represented by the 6 State Prosecutor, may institute a civil action in the circuit court for any county 7 seeking the civil penalty provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection. 8 For any contribution received in violation of this section, the 9 committee that received the contribution shall: 10 (i) Refund the contribution to the contributor; and 11 (ii) Pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and the amount of the contribution.

1 disbursement of funds by the State Board that are based on the eligible private

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 13 October 1, 2000.