
By: **Delegate Gordon**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Violations - Statute of Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the statute of limitations for a prosecution of certain
4 election law offenses; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for
5 election law offenses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 5-106(f) and (h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 5-106.

15 (f) A prosecution for the commission of or the attempt to commit a
16 misdemeanor constituting: (1) [except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, a
17 criminal offense under the State election laws; or (2)] a criminal offense under the
18 State conflict of interest laws; or [(3)] (2) criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or
19 nonfeasance in office committed by an officer of the State, or of an agency of the State,
20 or of a political subdivision of the State, or of a bicounty or multicounty agency in the
21 State shall be instituted within 2 years after the offense was committed.

22 (h) A prosecution FOR THE COMMISSION OF OR THE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT A
23 MISDEMEANOR CONSTITUTING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER THE STATE ELECTION
24 LAWS OR to impose a civil fine for an offense arising under Article 33, § 13-604 of the
25 Code shall be instituted within [3] 4 years after the offense was committed.

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