

HOUSE BILL 619

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By: **Delegate Simmons**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Contributions Made by Public Service Companies –**
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain public service companies and certain other
5 persons from directly or indirectly making a contribution to certain campaign
6 finance entities; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date;
7 and generally relating to campaign contributions made by public service
8 companies.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 13–238
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 **13–238.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
19 MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) “OWN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1–101 OF THE PUBLIC
21 UTILITIES ARTICLE.

22 (3) “PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
23 1–101 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:**

2 **(1) A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OVER WHICH THE PUBLIC**
3 **SERVICE COMMISSION HAS JURISDICTION UNDER § 2-112 OF THE PUBLIC**
4 **UTILITIES ARTICLE; AND**

5 **(2) A PERSON WHO OWNS AN INTEREST IN THE OPERATION OF A**
6 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OVER WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
7 **HAS JURISDICTION UNDER § 2-112 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE.**

8 **(C) A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR**
9 **INDIRECTLY, MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO:**

10 **(1) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE FOR ANY**
11 **NONFEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE STATE; OR**

12 **(2) ANY OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ORGANIZED IN**
13 **SUPPORT OF A CANDIDATE FOR ANY NONFEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE**
14 **STATE.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 January 1, 2015.