

HOUSE BILL 1230

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By: **Delegates Turner, Branch, Hixson, Jones, Kaiser, Moon, Morhaim, and Platt**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance – Departmental Secretaries – Solicitation of Contributions**
3 **or Donations**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a secretary of a principal department of the Executive
5 Branch of State government from soliciting contributions or donations from an entity
6 doing business with the State or a director or an officer of an entity doing business
7 with the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to prohibiting
8 departmental secretaries from soliciting contributions or donations from certain
9 persons.

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) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “DIRECTOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101 OF THIS**
22 **ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “ENTITY DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE” HAS THE MEANING**
2 **STATED IN § 5–101 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.**

3 **(4) “OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101 OF THIS**
4 **ARTICLE.**

5 **(5) “SOLICIT” INCLUDES THE AUTHORIZED USE OF THE NAME OR**
6 **IMAGE OF A SECRETARY IN CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.**

7 **(B) A SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE**
8 **BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS OR**
9 **DONATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CANDIDATE FROM:**

10 **(1) AN ENTITY DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE; OR**

11 **(2) A DIRECTOR OR AN OFFICER OF AN ENTITY DOING BUSINESS WITH**
12 **THE STATE.**

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