

SENATE BILL 420

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Election Law

11 Section 13–236.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 **13–236.1.**

18 **(A) ~~IN THIS SECTION, A “FOREIGN NATIONAL” MEANS:~~**

19 **(1) ~~AN INDIVIDUAL WITH FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP; OR~~**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~(2) AN IMMIGRANT WHO DOES NOT POSSESS A GREEN CARD ISSUED~~
2 ~~BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES INDICATING~~
3 ~~THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS LAWFULLY ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN~~
4 ~~THE UNITED STATES.~~

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FOREIGN NATIONAL" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
6 52 U.S.C. § 30121.

7 (B) A FOREIGN NATIONAL ~~OR A BUSINESS ENTITY OWNED BY A FOREIGN~~
8 ~~NATIONAL~~ MAY NOT:

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

10 (2) MAKE A DONATION TO A PERSON THAT MAKES INDEPENDENT
11 EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO A BALLOT
12 ISSUE.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.