

SENATE BILL 420

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

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**

20 **(2) AN IMMIGRANT WHO DOES NOT POSSESS A GREEN CARD ISSUED**
21 **BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES INDICATING**
22 **THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS LAWFULLY ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN**
23 **THE UNITED STATES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A FOREIGN NATIONAL OR A BUSINESS ENTITY OWNED BY A FOREIGN**
2 **NATIONAL MAY NOT:**

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

4 **(2) MAKE A DONATION TO A PERSON THAT MAKES INDEPENDENT**
5 **EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO A BALLOT**
6 **ISSUE.**

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