

SENATE BILL 38

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SB 226/19 – EHE

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By: **Senator West**

Requested: October 15, 2019

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Finance Violations – Injunctive Relief**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a candidate to seek an injunction against certain violations
4 of the campaign finance laws by a certain campaign finance entity; providing for a
5 delayed effective date; and generally relating to injunctive relief against violations
6 of the campaign finance laws.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 13–605

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 13–605.

16 (a) The Secretary of State may seek an immediate injunction against any
17 violation of this title.

18 **(B) A CANDIDATE MAY SEEK AN IMMEDIATE INJUNCTION AGAINST ANY**
19 **VIOLATION OF § 13–309(A)(3) OR (6) OF THIS TITLE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
20 **ENTITY SUPPORTING THE CANDIDACY OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE.**

21 **[(b)] (C)** A person who violates an injunction issued under this section:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) is in criminal contempt; and

2 (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not
3 exceeding \$250 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 January 1, 2021.