

**HB0906/633121/1**

BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 906  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 2, strike “**Organizations** –” and substitute “**Organization**”; in the same line, strike “**on Solicitations**” and substitute “**and Fund-Raising Activities During Legislative Session by State Elected Officials**”; strike line 3 in its entirety; in line 6, after “Act;” insert “altering the entities with respect to which certain officials or persons acting on behalf of certain officials are prohibited from taking certain actions related to fund-raising during a regular session of the General Assembly; prohibiting certain officials or persons acting on behalf of certain officials from participating in certain fund-raising events in a certain manner during a regular session of the General Assembly;”; in line 7, strike “disclosure requirements for political organizations” and substitute “campaign finance”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 13–235

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

“13–235.

(a) This section applies to the following officials:

(1) the Governor;

- (2) the Lieutenant Governor;
- (3) the Attorney General;
- (4) the Comptroller;
- (5) the State Treasurer; and
- (6) a member of the General Assembly.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), (d), or (e) of this section, during a regular session of the General Assembly an official described in subsection (a) of this section, or a person acting on behalf of the official, may not, as to a candidate for federal, State, or local office[,] or a [campaign finance entity of the candidate or any other campaign finance entity organized under this title and operated in coordination with a candidate] **POLITICAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZED UNDER THIS TITLE OR FEDERAL LAW:**

- (1) receive a contribution;
- (2) conduct a fund-raising event;

**(3) PARTICIPATE IN A FUND-RAISING EVENT AS A FEATURED GUEST OR SPEAKER OR IN ANOTHER ROLE INTENDED TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT OR THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RESULTING FROM THE FUND-RAISING EVENT;**

- [(3)] (4) solicit a contribution; or**

[(4)] (5) deposit or use any contribution of money that was not deposited prior to the session.

(c) An official described in subsection (a) of this section, or a person acting on behalf of the official, is not subject to this section when engaged in activities solely related to the official's election to an elective federal or local office for which the official is a filed candidate.

(d) Under the Public Financing Act, a gubernatorial ticket, during the year of the election only, may accept eligible private contributions and any disbursement of funds by the State Board that is based on the eligible private contributions.

(e) An official described in subsection (a) of this section, or a person acting on behalf of the official, may deposit a contribution during the legislative session if the contribution was made electronically before the start of the session.

(f) (1) As to a violation of this section, the campaign finance entity of the official in violation is liable for a civil penalty as provided in § 13-604.1 of this title.

(2) A civil penalty imposed under this subsection shall be distributed to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund established under § 15-103 of this article.”;

and in lines 7 and 8, strike “shall take effect July 1, 2025” and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted”.