

# HOUSE BILL 509

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance – Contributions by Gas and Electric Utility Companies –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting gas and electric utility companies doing business in the  
5 State from making certain campaign contributions; and generally relating to  
6 campaign contributions from gas and electric utility companies.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article – Election Law  
9 Section 13–237.1  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **13–237.1.**

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “UTILITY COMPANY” MEANS:

17 (1) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN § 1–101 OF THE PUBLIC  
18 UTILITIES ARTICLE; OR

19 (2) A GAS COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN § 1–101 OF THE PUBLIC  
20 UTILITIES ARTICLE.

21 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A UTILITY COMPANY DOING BUSINESS  
22 IN THE STATE.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) A UTILITY COMPANY MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, MAKE A**  
2 **CONTRIBUTION TO:**

3                   **(1) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A**  
4 **NONFEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE STATE; OR**

5                   **(2) ANY OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ORGANIZED IN SUPPORT**  
6 **OF A CANDIDATE FOR A NONFEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE STATE.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
8 1, 2026.