



Maryland State Board of Elections

SB 918 – Senator M. Jackson

Courts- Prosecution for Election Law Violations- Limitations

Purpose:

To increase the statute of limitations on election law violations from 3 years to 4 years.

Comments:

The State Board of Elections supports the proposed legislation.

The proposed legislation increases the statute of limitations on election law violations on misdemeanors and civil offenses from 3 years to 4 years. Additionally, the legislation adds the civil enforcement authority of the State Board under Election Law Article 13-604.1 to the statute.

The increase of the year brings the enforcement provisions in line with an election cycle which is 4 years. The extra year allows for greater investigations and detailed audits of noncompliant campaign finance entities by the State Board and the Office of the State Prosecutor.

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