

presence of one of the officers of the institution, have free access to the vaults, books and papers, and he shall inspect and examine the affairs of the institution, to ascertain its condition and see whether it complies with the provisions of law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1952.

Approved March 28, 1952.

CHAPTER 51

(House Bill 27)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," sub-title "Pleadings," said section to be known as Section 19A and to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, providing that broadcasting stations shall not be liable for damages for any defamatory or libelous statements AS TO THEIR OPPONENTS FOR THE PARTICULAR OFFICES THEY SEEK, published or uttered by candidates for public office where such publications or utterances cannot be censored; AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE DAMAGES WHICH MAY BE RECOVERED AGAINST SUCH BROADCASTING STATIONS FOR ANY SUCH STATEMENT MADE BY A CANDIDATE ABOUT ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OTHER THAN AN OPPONENT OR OPPONENTS FOR THE PARTICULAR OFFICES THEY SEEK.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," sub-title "Pleadings," said section to be known as Section 19A, to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, and to read as follows:

19A. (A) *The owner, licensee or operator of a visual or sound radio broadcasting station or network of stations, and*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.