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SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1975. ]]

FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT

30-1. PURPOSE.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DEPENDS IN PART ON GUARANTEEING THAT ELECTION CAMPAIGNS ARE FUNDED BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE AND ON ELIMINATING THE CORRUPTING AND UNDEMOCRATIC EFFECTS OF LARGE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS, FINDS AND DECLARES THAT AN EQUITABLE MEANS FOR PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING IS NECESSARY IN THESE TIMES FOR THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY.

30-2. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED:

(B) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR A STATE OR COUNTY OFFICE WHO IS REGULATED BY THE EXPENDITURE LIMITS IN SECTION 30-3.

(C) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING COMMISSION PROVIDED IN SECTION 30-8.

(D) "COMPTROLLER" MEANS THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.

(E) "COUNTY" INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY.

(F) "FUND" MEANS THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND" PROVIDED IN SECTION 30-4.

(G) "FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THE MONIES CREATED, COLLECTED, ADMINISTERED, AND INVESTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 465 TO 467 OF ARTICLE 81 OF THE CODE.

(H) "MAJOR PARTY" MEANS A POLITICAL PARTY WHOSE CANDIDATE, FOR THE SAME OFFICE IN THE IMMEDIATE PREVIOUS ELECTION TO THAT FOR WHICH PUBLIC FINANCING IS CURRENTLY SOUGHT, RECEIVED 25 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL POPULAR