CLAIM LAWFULLY ACQUIRED BY THE LICENSEE PRIOR THERETO.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1978.

Approved May 17, 1977.

## CHAPTER 320

(Senate Bill 444)

AN ACT concerning

Statute of Limitations - Electicn Code Violation

FOR the purpose of requiring that the prosecution of certain election code offenses be instituted within a certain time after the offense was committed; and giving this Act a prospective effect.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 5-106(e) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 5-106(e) be and it is hereby added to Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

· Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-106.

(E) A PROSECUTION FOR ANY MISDEMEANOR UNDER SUBTITLES 24, 26, 30, AND 31 OF AFTICLE 33 THE ELECTION CODE, WHICH IS NOT MADE PUNISHABLE BY CONFINEMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY BY STATUTE, SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN THREE THO YEARS AFTER THE MISDEMEANOR WAS COMMITTED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any event or happening occurring prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.