

(Senate Bill 3)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Election Day Expenditures

FOR the purpose of prohibiting any person, candidate, slate of candidates, political committee, or party and certain persons from receiving--or directly or indirectly incurring any obligation to pay or receive any sum of money or thing of value for a political endorsement or certain acts performed on election day on behalf of any candidate, slate of candidates, party, or measure; prohibiting, particularly, the payment or receipt of any sum of money for walk-around services; providing a definition for the term "walk-around services"; and providing certain exclusions.

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 26-9.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

26-9.1.

(A) NO A-PERSONS, CANDIDATE, SLATE OF CANDIDATES, OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE, OR POLITICAL PARTY, OR ANY PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING, MAY NOT AT ANY TIME RECEIVE, OR INCUR ANY OBLIGATION, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, TO PAY OR RECEIVE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAY, OR INCUR ANY OBLIGATION TO PAY, NOR MAY ANY PERSON RECEIVE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ANY SUM OF MONEY OR THING OF VALUE IN RETURN FOR A POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT OR OR THING OF VALUE FOR SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED ON THE DAY OF ANY ELECTION ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE, PARTY, OR MEASURE, TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE ELECTION, OR FOR ANY POLITICAL SERVICE PERFORMED ON THIS DAY, OR FOR ANY LOSS OF TIME OR DAMAGE SUFFERED BY ATTENDANCE AT THE POLLS AT THE ELECTION. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO NEWSPAPER, RADIO, TELEVISION, BILLBOARD, OR AERIAL ADVERTISING, OR TO AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT, REGULARLY EMPLOYED CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, PERSONNEL, OR RENTAL OF CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, FACILITIES, OR TO ANY COST INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR VOTERS TO AND FROM POLLS PLACES, WALK-AROUND SERVICES OR ANY OTHER SERVICES AS A POLL WORKER OR DISTRIBUTOR OF SAMPLE BALLOTS, PERFORMED BEFORE THE ELECTION POLLS CLOSE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.