

[(t)] (U) Local official. -- "Local official" means any official, officer or employee of a county, the City of Baltimore, or an incorporated municipality, determined by the governing body of that jurisdiction to be subject to the provisions of Title 6 of this article but does not include an official or employee of the judicial branch. ~~FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES OF THAT COUNTY.~~

[(u)] (V) Member of household. -- "Member of household" means a person's spouse, child, ward, financially dependent parent, or other relative who shares the person's legal residence, or a person's child, ward, parent, or other relative over whose financial affairs the person has legal or actual control.

[(v)] (W) Official. -- "Official" means either a State or a public official.

[(w)] (X) Person. -- "Person" includes an individual or business entity.

[(x)] (Y) Principal political party. -- "Principal political party" means either the State Democratic party or the State Republican party.

[(y)] (Z) Political contribution. -- "Political contribution" means contributions as that term is defined in Section 1-1 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

[(z)] (AA) Public official. -- "Public official" means:

[(1) Any individual in the legislative branch, in the executive branch, or in an executive agency of the State government who:

(i) Is classified or compensated at grade level 18 or above, or is appointed to an executive agency which the Commission has not exempted pursuant to § 2-103(h); or

(ii) Is authorized to draft specifications for, negotiate, or execute a contract which commits the State or any of its boards, agencies, or departments to expend in excess of \$10,000 or is in a managerial or policymaking position as determined by the Ethics Commission by regulation upon recommendation of the Secretary of Personnel.]

(J) ANY INDIVIDUAL ~~IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR IN AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT WHO:~~

(I) IS ~~CLASSIFIED~~ A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE AT GRADE LEVEL 18 OR ABOVE, OR, IF NOT A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE,