

Financing Act; ~~and making provisions of this Act severable; and making this Act an emergency measure; and making this Act an emergency measure.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
 Section 31-2, 31-3, 31-4, 31-5, 31-10, and 31-11
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

31-2.

(a) In this subtitle the following TERMS 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 § 31-3] GOVERNOR - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UNIT.

(c) "Comptroller" means the State Comptroller of the treasury.

[(d) "County" includes Baltimore City.]

(D) "ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO HAS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

(E) "ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THAT PORTION OF A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION, OR SERIES OF CONTRIBUTIONS, FROM AN INDIVIDUAL THAT ~~IN-THE-AGGREGATE~~ DOES NOT EXCEED \$250.

[(e)] (F) "Fund" means the "Fair Campaign Financing Fund" [provided in § 31-4].

[(f) "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 votes received by all candidates in the general election for that office.]

[(g) "Maximum public contribution" for any candidate is an amount equal to 75 percent of the candidate's campaign expenditure limit in the general election, as provided in § 31-3.]

[(h) "Minor 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 less than 25 percent of the total popular votes received by all