

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

**Article 33 – Election Code**

26-9.

(F-1) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

~~(II) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.~~

~~(III) "CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY CREATED TO PROMOTE THE CANDIDACY OF A PERSON RUNNING FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE.~~

~~(IV) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WINS AN ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.~~

(III) 1. "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS ANY PAYMENT OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR PROPERTY OF \$500 OR MORE, CALCULATED CUMULATIVELY DURING A 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE, OR THE INCURRING OF ANY LIABILITY OR PROMISE OF ANYTHING OF VALUE OF \$500 OR MORE, CALCULATED CUMULATIVELY DURING A 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE, TO THE TREASURER OF EITHER A CANDIDATE OR A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

2. "CONTRIBUTION" INCLUDES A PAYMENT OR TRANSFER TO A SLATE WITH WHICH A CANDIDATE IS ASSOCIATED.

3. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE \$500 CUMULATIVE THRESHOLD CONTRIBUTION IS CALCULATED SEPARATELY AS TO EACH CANDIDATE OR ELECTED OFFICIAL.

4. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CUMULATIVE CONTRIBUTION OF \$500 OR MORE TO A SLATE IS FULLY ATTRIBUTED TO EACH CANDIDATE ON THE SLATE.

~~(IV) (IV) "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT MAKES A CONTRIBUTION.~~

~~(V) (V) "ELECTED OFFICIAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL HOLDING OFFICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL WHO HOLDS THE OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.~~

~~(VI) (VI) "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT IS NOT:~~

1. A POLITICAL PARTY;
2. A CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
3. A SLATE; OR