

extending indefinitely the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; altering provisions relating to the availability and expenditure of the funds by recipients; requiring the Comptroller to establish a voluntary tax add-on system that allows contributions to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund up to a certain amount; requiring the State Administrator of Election Laws to adopt certain regulations by a certain date; and generally relating to the Fair Campaign Financing Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 31-1 and 31-6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 31-2, 31-3, 31-4, 31-5, 31-8, 31-10, and 31-12

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 31-9 and 31-11

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 31-10

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

31-1.

The General Assembly of Maryland, recognizing that our system of representative government depends in part on guaranteeing that election campaigns are funded by the people and for the people and on eliminating the corrupting and undemocratic effects of large private contributions, finds and declares that an equitable means of public campaign financing is necessary in these times for the continued effective functioning of representative democracy.