

CHAPTER 562**(Senate Bill 127)**

AN ACT concerning

Campaign Finance and Ethics Law – Fund-Raising and Disclosure

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, members of the General Assembly, ~~a candidate for election to any of these offices~~, or persons acting on behalf of any of these individuals, from receiving contributions, conducting a fund-raising event, or soliciting or selling tickets to an event, during certain periods of time; providing certain exceptions; establishing a certain penalty for certain violations of this prohibition; requiring that certain campaign finance reports required to be filed by statewide candidates or their committees be submitted to and maintained by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws in an electronic storage format beginning with a certain campaign finance report due by a certain date; authorizing certain other campaign finance reports to be submitted and maintained by the State Board in an electronic storage format beginning with a certain campaign finance report due by a certain date; requiring all campaign finance reports filed with the State Board to comply with certain electronic filing requirements by a certain date; requiring the State Board, after a certain date, to provide certain materials to persons required to file certain campaign fund reports; requiring the State Board to make the campaign finance report information that it maintains in an electronic storage format easily accessible available to the public; defining certain terms; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; providing that an official need not include as a gift on the financial disclosure statement attendance at certain events that are otherwise reported by regulated lobbyists; altering certain lobbyist reporting requirements as to certain functions to include events to which all members of a county or regional delegation of the General Assembly are invited; providing that a presiding officer of the Senate or House of Delegates shall be deemed an ex officio member of a standing committee of the presiding officer's chamber; expanding the prohibition against lobbyists from soliciting or transmitting certain contributions to include the campaigns of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller and candidates for election to these offices; prohibiting certain lobbyists from serving on a certain fund-raising or political committee; committees; requiring the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to submit a certain report to the Legislative Policy Committee, by a certain date, that includes a certain plan and schedule for the full implementation of mandatory electronic filing for certain purposes; and generally relating to fund-raising and disclosure requirements under the campaign finance and ethics law.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 1-1(a)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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