

CHAPTER 565

(Senate Bill 195)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law and Ethics Law Violations – Enforcement Procedures and Penalties Statute of Limitations *Enforcement Procedures and Penalties*

FOR the purpose of establishing a civil citation procedure for the adjudication of certain violations of the State election law; providing for a civil penalty for certain violations of the Fair Election Practices Act of the Election Code and specifying a maximum fine for such civil violations; increasing the criminal fine for certain election law violations; authorizing the State Prosecutor to prosecute certain election law violations; providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court of the State for persons contesting a citation for a civil infraction of certain fair election practice laws; providing for the disposition of certain fines; altering the statute of limitations period for a prosecution for violations of certain fair election practices laws and certain lobbying disclosure laws; repealing a certain statute of limitation provision; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the statute of limitations period for certain election law and ethics law violations, the establishment of a system of civil penalties for certain violations of the Fair Practices Act of the State Election Code, and certain enforcement procedures and penalties for violations of the State ethics law and election law *establishing a civil citation procedure for the adjudication of certain violations of the State election law; providing for a civil penalty for certain violations of the Fair Election Practices Act of the Election Code and specifying a maximum fine for such civil violations; increasing the criminal fine for certain election law violations; authorizing the State Prosecutor to prosecute certain election law violations; providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court of the State for persons contesting a citation for a civil infraction of certain fair election practice laws; providing for the disposition of certain money collected by the court; altering the statute of limitations period for a prosecution for violations of certain fair election practices laws and certain ethics laws; repealing a certain statute of limitation provision; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the statute of limitations period for certain election law and ethics law violations, the establishment of a system of civil penalties for certain violations of the Fair Election Practices Act of the State Election Code, and certain enforcement procedures and penalties for violations of the State ethics law and election law.*

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 4-401(10) and 5-106
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 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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 Article 33 – Election Code