

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 553**

**(Senate Bill 345)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Law - Contributions from State-Funded Entities - Prohibited**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain political contributions by certain State-funded entities; and generally relating to political contributions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 13-212

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article 33 - Election Code**

13-212.

(a) (1) Except as provided in §§ 13-213 and 13-214 of this subtitle, it is unlawful for any individual, association, unincorporated association, corporation, or any other entity either directly or indirectly, to contribute any money or thing of value greater than \$4,000 to any candidate or political committee or to contribute money in excess of \$100 except by check in any 4-year election cycle. Contributions may be made by credit card, not to exceed \$100 per transaction, to any candidate or political committee under this subsection. Total contributions by a contributor under this subsection shall not exceed \$10,000 in any 4-year election cycle.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the limit on contributions during a 4-year election cycle by the governing body for a political party or local central committee shall be as follows:

(i) For a statewide governing body for a political party, not more than \$1 for every two registered voters in the State, regardless of party affiliation, as of January 1 following the preceding gubernatorial election; and

(ii) For the governing body of a local central committee for a political party, not more than \$1 for every two registered voters in the county, regardless of party affiliation, as of January 1 following the preceding gubernatorial election.