

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 13-211.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

13-210.

(a) Except as provided in [§ 13-211] §§ 13-211 AND 13-211.1 of this subtitle and subsection (b) of this section, no person other than a candidate shall, to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party or principle or of any proposition submitted to vote at any public election, or of any candidate for nomination for, or election to public or party office, make a payment or contribution of money or property or incur any liability or promise any valuable thing to any person other than to the treasurer or subtreasurer of a candidate or [treasurer of a] political committee, INCLUDING A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, in their official capacity.

(b) (1) A contribution may be made directly to a candidate provided the candidate shall report the contribution to the candidate's treasurer.

(2) Nothing contained in this subtitle shall limit or affect the right of any person to volunteer the time or personal vehicle of the person for transportation incident to any election or to expend money for proper legal expenses in maintaining or contesting the results of any election.

13-211.

(a) (1) [An] WHEN EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE FOR A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE, INCLUDING A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH THE EMPLOYER, THE employer may accumulate in a separate, segregated account the combined, voluntary, and periodic contributions of employees made by payroll deduction.

(2) WHEN EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE FOR A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH AN ENTITY IN WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS A MEMBER AND FOR WHICH THE EMPLOYER WITHHOLDS BY MEANS OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PERIODIC PAYMENTS OF DUES BY THE EMPLOYEES TO THE AFFILIATED ENTITY, THE EMPLOYER MAY ALSO COLLECT FROM THE EMPLOYEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION OF DUES, THE COMBINED, VOLUNTARY, AND PERIODIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF EMPLOYEES MADE BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION.

(b) (1) An employer shall keep and maintain detailed, full, and accurate records of all payroll deductions made under subsection [(a)] (A)(1) of this section, including: