

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 544

(House Bill 1318)

AN ACT concerning

State and Local Employees - Public Disclosures - Conflicts of Interest

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to designate certain employees in the executive unit to disclose certain information; defining certain Baltimore City employees as "local officials" for purposes of disclosing certain information; and generally relating to public disclosure of conflicts of interest by State or local employees in the executive unit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 15-611 and 15-807

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

15-611.

(a) Additional individuals, other than officials, shall disclose information annually if designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(b) For disclosure under this section:

(1) the Governor, by executive order, may designate:

- (i) an employee of an executive unit; or
- (ii) a noncompensated appointee of the Governor;

(2) the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, by order, may designate:

- (i) an employee of the Judicial Branch; or
- (ii) a noncompensated appointee of the Court of Appeals or the Chief Judge; and