

Section 13-245

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Election Law

13-245.

(a) In this section, "walk-around services" means the following activities if performed for money while the polls are open:

- (1) distributing campaign material;
- (2) stationing a person, including oneself, or an object in the path of a voter;
- (3) electioneering or canvassing as described in § 16-206 of this article;
- (4) communicating in any other manner a voting preference or choice; or
- (5) performing any other service as a poll worker or distributor of sample ballots.

(b) This section does not apply to:

- (1) meals, beverages, and refreshments served to campaign workers;
- (2) salaries of regularly employed personnel in campaign headquarters;
- (3) media advertising, including newspaper, radio, television, billboard, or aerial advertising;
- (4) rent and regular office expenses; or
- (5) the cost of telephoning voters or transporting voters to and from polling places.

(c) (1) A campaign finance entity, or a person acting on its behalf, ~~may not~~ at any time, directly or indirectly, pay or incur an obligation to pay, and a person may not, directly or indirectly, receive any money or thing of value, for:

- ~~(1) a political endorsement; or~~
- ~~(2) walk-around services;~~

(1) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, OR A PERSON ACTING ON ITS BEHALF, THAT PAYS ANY PERSON FOR A POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT OR WALK-AROUND SERVICES SHALL MAKE ALL PAYMENTS BY CHECK FROM A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT DESIGNATED UNDER § 13-220(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.