

~~General Assembly individuals~~ to pay the publication expenses of a legislative newsletter only from a campaign treasury; establishing and specifying the responsibility for certain late filing fees; specifying a certain exception to the provisions of this Act; defining certain terms, ~~and providing an exception to a term;~~ and generally relating to the payment of expenses for legislative newsletters.

BY adding to

Article 33 – Election Code
Section 26–18.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code
Section 1–1(a)(7) and 26–13
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 33 – Election Code

26-18.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “INCUMBENT” MEANS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(3) ~~(H)~~ “LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER” MEANS A AN UNSOLICITED DOCUMENT THAT PROVIDES A FORUM FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING:

(I) AN INCUMBENT’S PERFORMANCE IN LEGISLATIVE OFFICE OR; OR

(II) AN ISSUE OR ISSUES OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RELATING TO THAT LEGISLATIVE OFFICE CHOSEN BY THE INCUMBENT OR CANDIDATE.

~~(H) “LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER” DOES NOT INCLUDE CORRESPONDENCE WITH PERSONS AS PART OF USUAL AND CUSTOMARY CONSTITUENT SERVICES, AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 40A, § 3-104 OF THE CODE.~~