

(14) "Political committee" means any combination of two or more persons appointed by a candidate or any other person or formed in any other manner which assists or attempts to assist in any manner the promotion of the success or defeat of any candidate, candidates, political party, principle or proposition submitted to a vote at any election.

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law

5-104.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, THE WORDS "CANDIDATE", "CONTRIBUTION", AND "POLITICAL COMMITTEE" HAVE THE MEANINGS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 33, § 1-1(A) OF THE CODE.

(B) (1) BEGINNING WITH THE STARTING DATE ON THE LOBBYING REGISTRATION FORM AND EXTENDING THROUGH THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE REGISTRATION ~~PERIODS~~ PERIOD ENDS, A LOBBYIST, OR A PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF A LOBBYIST, WHO LOBBIES A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~~OR OTHER REGISTRANT~~ MAY NOT:

(I) ~~DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SOLICIT, ARRANGE FOR, OR TRANSMIT A CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MEMBER OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;~~

(II) SERVE ON A FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE OF, OR A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF, A MEMBER OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~~FOR A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE;~~ OR

(III) ACT AS A TREASURER OR CHAIRMAN OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MEMBER OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~~FOR A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE.~~

(2) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A LOBBYIST ~~OR OTHER REGISTRANT~~ FROM:

(I) MAKING A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 33 OF THE CODE; OR

(II) INFORMING THE LOBBYIST'S ~~OR REGISTRANT'S~~ EMPLOYER OR OTHERS OF THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ~~OR OF A CANDIDATE'S ABILITY TO AFFECT FUTURE GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS.~~