

SENATE BILL 38

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By: **Senator West**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Finance Violations – Injunctive Relief**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a candidate to seek an injunction against certain violations
4 of the campaign finance laws by a certain campaign finance entity; providing for a
5 delayed effective date; and generally relating to injunctive relief against violations
6 of the campaign finance laws.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 13–605
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 13–605.

16 (a) The Secretary of State may seek an immediate injunction against any
17 violation of this title.

18 **(B) A CANDIDATE MAY SEEK AN IMMEDIATE INJUNCTION AGAINST ANY**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 VIOLATION OF § 13-309(A)(3) OR (6) OF THIS TITLE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE
2 ENTITY SUPPORTING THE CANDIDACY OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE.

3 [(b)] (C) A person who violates an injunction issued under this section:

4 (1) is in criminal contempt; and

5 (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not
6 exceeding \$250 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 January 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.