

Chapter 282

**(Senate Bill 130)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Law – Ballot Issues – Contributions or Donations by Foreign Principals**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a foreign principal from making a contribution to a ballot issue committee or making a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications relating to a ballot issue; defining a certain term; and generally relating to campaign activity concerning ballot issues and contributions and donations by foreign principals.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 13–236.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Election Law**

**13–236.1.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FOREIGN PRINCIPAL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 22 U.S.C. § 611(B).**

**(B) A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL MAY NOT:**

**(1) MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE; OR**

**(2) MAKE A DONATION TO A PERSON THAT MAKES INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO A BALLOT ISSUE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**