

HOUSE BILL 690

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By: **Delegates Cardin, Barve, Bobo, Carr, Frick, Hixson, Hucker, Montgomery,
and Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Persons Doing Public Business – Independent Expenditures**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person doing public business from making an
4 independent expenditure for certain campaign material; defining a certain term;
5 and generally relating to independent expenditures on campaign material by
6 persons doing public business.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 13–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 13–102.

16 **(A)** Except for a candidate **AND AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
17 **SECTION**, this title does not prohibit an individual who acts independently of any
18 other person from:

19 (1) expressing personal views on any subject; or

20 (2) making an expenditure of personal funds to purchase campaign
21 material.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS” HAS THE**
2 **MEANING STATED IN § 14–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

3 **(2) A PERSON DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS MAY NOT MAKE AN**
4 **INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE FOR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL THAT SUPPORTS OR**
5 **OPPOSES A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL PARTY.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 June 1, 2010.