

SENATE BILL 302

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SB 38/20 – EHE

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator West**

Requested: September 17, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally
5 relating to injunctive relief against violations of the campaign finance laws.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Election Law

8 Section 13–605

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 13–605.

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

17 **(B) A CANDIDATE MAY SEEK AN IMMEDIATE INJUNCTION AGAINST ANY**
18 **VIOLATION OF § 13–309(A)(3) OR (6) OF THIS TITLE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
19 **ENTITY SUPPORTING THE CANDIDACY OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE.**

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

21 (1) is in criminal contempt; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.