

Title 33 State Board of Elections

Subtitle 18 Violations

Chapter 02 Prohibited Acts

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-602 and 16-201(a), Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Definitions

A. In this chapter, the following [term has] terms have the meaning indicated.

B. [Term] *Terms Defined.* [“Political convention” means the act of a political party or central committee of the political party to select, nominate, or elect:

(1) A replacement candidate to the ballot pursuant to Election Law Article, Title 5, Subtitles 9 and 10, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(2) A member to the central committee;

(3) A person for appointment to fill a vacancy in accordance with Article III, Section 13, of the Maryland Constitution; or

(4) A candidate for the general election.]

(1) “Deep fake” has the meaning stated in COMAR 33.13.07.02H(1).

(2) “Political convention” means the act of a political party or central committee of the political party to select, nominate, or elect:

(a) A replacement candidate to the ballot pursuant to Election Law Article, Title 5, Subtitles 9 and 10, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(b) A member to the central committee;

(c) A person for appointment to fill a vacancy in accordance with Article III, Section 13, of the Maryland Constitution;

or

(d) A candidate for the general election.

.02 Prohibited Acts

A.- D. (text unchanged)

E. *Deep Fake.* A person may not willfully or knowingly influence or attempt to influence a voter’s decision to go to the polls or to cast a vote by publishing, distributing, or disseminating material constituting or containing a deep fake within 90 days before an election without meeting the same requirements imposed on political committees under COMAR 33.13.07.02H.

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