Campaign Finance: Prohibited Acts and Penalties (State Law)

(7) An employer who pays employees in envelopes may not mark on or enclose in the envelopes a political motto, device, or argument that contains express or implied threats intended to influence the political opinions or actions of those employees.

(8) During the 90 days before an election, an employer may not exhibit in the employer’s workplace:

   (i) a threat, a notice, or information that, on the election or defeat of a particular ticket or candidate:

      1. work will cease, wholly or partly;
      2. the workplace will close; or
      3. employees’ wages will be reduced; or

   (ii) any other threat, expressed or implied, intended to influence the political opinions or actions of the employer’s employees.

(9) A person may not publish or distribute, or cause to be published or distributed, campaign material that violates §13-401 of this title.

(b) Penalty.—A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is:

   (1) subject to a fine not exceeding $1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both; and

   (2) ineligible to hold any public or party office for 4 years after the date of the offense.

(c) Prosecution.—(1) The State Prosecutor may prosecute, in any jurisdiction of the State, a person that the State Prosecutor believes to be guilty of a willful violation of this section.
(2) A State’s Attorney may prosecute a person that the State’s Attorney believes to be guilty of a willful violation of this section in the county in which the State’s Attorney serves.

Source: Annotated Code of Maryland, Election Article, §13-602