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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Regulation of Campaign Finance by Local Government**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the counties in the State to adopt, by law, provisions  
4 regulating the campaign finance activity associated with certain county  
5 officeholders or a candidate for those offices under certain circumstances;  
6 requiring certain campaign finance reports to be filed only with the local boards  
7 of elections; and generally relating to counties' regulation of the campaign  
8 finance activity of certain local officials and candidates for the offices held by  
9 those officials.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Election Law  
12 Section 13-504  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2003 Volume)

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

17 **Article - Election Law**

18 13-504.

19 (A) (1) A COUNTY MAY ADOPT, BY LAW, PROVISIONS REGULATING THE  
20 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH:

- 21 (I) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;
- 22 (II) A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL;
- 23 (III) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; OR
- 24 (IV) A CANDIDATE FOR ANY OF THESE OFFICES.

1                   (2)     THE PROVISIONS ADOPTED BY A COUNTY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
2 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE:

3                   (I)     AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE;  
4 AND

5                   (II)    NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

6     (B)     A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED BY A PROVISION ADOPTED  
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE FILED ONLY WITH THE LOCAL  
8 BOARD IN THAT COUNTY.

9     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2003.