

HOUSE BILL 918

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Regulation of Local Campaign Finance Activity – County**
3 **Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county governing body to enact laws to govern
5 campaign finance activity for county elective officers and candidates for election
6 to those offices; specifying certain parameters and limitations applicable to any
7 laws enacted by a county to regulate campaign finance activity; and generally
8 relating to the regulation of campaign finance activity of county elective officers
9 and candidates for election to those offices.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 13–101
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Election Law
17 Section 13–504
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Election Law

13–101.

(a) This title applies to each election conducted in accordance with this article.

(b) This title does not apply to campaign finance activity required to be governed solely by federal law.

(c) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–504 OF THIS TITLE, A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY MAY ENACT LAWS TO REGULATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY OF COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THOSE OFFICES.

13–504.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY ENACT LAWS TO GOVERN CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY FOR COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THOSE OFFICES.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LAW ENACTED BY A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY REGULATING CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY FOR COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THOSE OFFICES:

(1) MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, REPORTING, CAMPAIGN MATERIAL, AND, AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 25A, § 5 OF THE CODE, ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; AND

(2) MAY BE MORE STRINGENT THAN ANY APPLICABLE LAW OF THE STATE AND MODIFIED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE COUNTY.

(c) A LAW ENACTED BY A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY REGULATING CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY FOR COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THOSE OFFICES MAY NOT CONFLICT WITH ANY APPLICABLE LAW OF THE STATE OR THE UNITED STATES.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2007.