

HOUSE BILL 1275

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Petition Fund Reports – Available Online**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to make certain statements
4 of contributions and expenditures for certain petitions available on its Internet
5 site; requiring a person with whom a certain statement of contributions and
6 expenditures for a certain petition is filed to forward a copy of the statement to
7 the State Board within a certain period of time; and generally relating to
8 making information concerning the financing of petitions available online.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 7–104(c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 7–104.

18 (c) (1) At the time of filing a petition under the provisions of Article XI–A
19 or Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution, the person who files the petition shall

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 also file a signed statement, under penalty of perjury, showing the contributions and
2 expenditures for the petition including:

3 (i) the name and post office address of every contributor to the
4 expense of the petition;

5 (ii) the amount contributed by each contributor; and

6 (iii) the name and address of each person to whom any money
7 was paid or promised for providing a service related to the petition.

8 (2) If the statement under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not filed
9 with the petition, the petition may not be certified under § 6–208 of this article.

10 (3) (i) The individual who signed the statement required under
11 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be a party to any proceeding to test the validity
12 of the petition.

13 (ii) The proceeding shall be filed in the county where the person
14 or association resides or maintains its principal place of business.

15 (4) **(I) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE A STATEMENT**
16 **REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE**
17 **ON ITS INTERNET SITE.**

18 **(II) A PERSON WITH WHOM A STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER**
19 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS FILED SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE**
20 **STATEMENT TO THE STATE BOARD WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE STATEMENT IS**
21 **FILED.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 June 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.