

# HOUSE BILL 569

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **Campaign Finance – Cash Contributions – Limit**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of cash contributions a person may make to campaign finance entities; making clarifying changes; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to cash contributions to campaign finance entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 13–234

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Election Law**

13–234.

(a) A **PERSON MAY MAKE A** contribution of money [may be made] only by:

(1) check;

(2) credit card;

(3) cash, if the [contribution] **AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF CASH CONTRIBUTIONS** does not exceed \$100 in [an election cycle] **A CALENDAR YEAR TO ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES**; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) an electronic method that the State Board authorizes by regulation.

(b) An electronic method of making a contribution that the State Board authorizes under this section shall ensure that:

- (1) the identity of the person making the contribution may be verified;
- (2) the transaction is secure; and
- (3) there is an adequate record of the transaction.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2015.