

HOUSE BILL 1063

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CF SB 484

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Filing Fee – Candidates for President and Vice President**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a filing fee for candidates for President and Vice President
4 of the United States; and generally relating to candidate filing fees.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Election Law
7 Section 5–401
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

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13 5–401.

14 (a) (1) This section does not apply to a write-in candidate.

15 (2) Unless exempted under subsection (c) of this section, an individual who
16 files a certificate of candidacy shall pay a filing fee at the time the certificate of candidacy
17 is filed.

18 (b) The filing fee shall be as follows:

19 (1) President and Vice President of the United States [No fee] **\$580**

20 (2) Governor or Lieutenant Governor \$290 each

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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- 1 (3) Comptroller of the Treasury \$290
- 2 (4) Attorney General \$290
- 3 (5) United States Senator \$290
- 4 (6) Representative in Congress \$100
- 5 (7) Member of the General Assembly \$50
- 6 (8) Mayor of the City of Baltimore \$150
- 7 (9) Comptroller of the City of Baltimore \$150
- 8 (10) City Council of Baltimore:
- 9 (i) President..... \$150
- 10 (ii) member at large voted on by the voters of the entire City of
11 Baltimore.....\$150
- 12 (iii) member voted on by less than the entire City of
13 Baltimore.....\$50
- 14 (11) offices of the City of Baltimore, not specified in items (8), (9), and (10)
15 of this subsection, that are voted on by the voters of the entire City of
16 Baltimore.....\$150
- 17 (12) any other public office.....\$25
- 18 (13) member of a party central committee\$10
- 19 (c) (1) A candidate may petition for a waiver of the filing fee in accordance
20 with this subsection.
- 21 (2) The filing fee required by this section shall be waived if the candidate
22 establishes inability to pay the fee.
- 23 (3) A candidate may demonstrate inability to pay the filing fee by attaching
24 to the certificate of candidacy when it is filed a sworn statement on the form prescribed by
25 the State Board of inability to pay which sets forth:
- 26 (i) the nature, extent, and liquidity of the candidate's assets; and
- 27 (ii) the candidate's disposable net income.

1 (4) At its discretion and in order to conduct any investigation of the petition
2 for waiver, the appropriate board may request that the candidate provide additional
3 information concerning the candidate's financial status.

4 (5) If the appropriate board determines that the candidate is unable to pay
5 the required filing fee, the certificate of candidacy shall be issued without payment of the
6 fee.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2016.