

HOUSE BILL 171

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Campaign Finance Entities – Termination and Filing of Final**
3 **Campaign Finance Report**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a certain provision of law
5 applies requiring a campaign finance entity to terminate and file a final campaign
6 finance report; altering the time period within which a certain campaign finance
7 entity is required to terminate and file a final campaign finance report; requiring the
8 State Board of Elections to provide a certain notification to certain persons affiliated
9 with a campaign finance entity that is required to terminate under a certain
10 provision of law; and generally relating to the termination of campaign finance
11 entities.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Election Law
14 Section 13–310
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 13–310.

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 (a) This section applies to the campaign finance entity of an individual if[:

2 (1)] the individual is not a filed candidate or the incumbent in any office
3 filled by an election under this article[; and

4 (2) the entity has funds remaining after the payment of all outstanding
5 debts and other obligations].

6 (b) A campaign finance entity shall terminate and file a final campaign finance
7 report within 8 years after the [latest] LATER of:

8 (1) the end of the individual's most recent term of office; AND

9 (2) the date of the election in which the individual last was a filed
10 candidate[; and

11 (3) the payment of the final debt or other obligation of the entity that was
12 incurred in connection with that candidacy].

13 **(C) NOT LATER THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IS**
14 **REQUIRED TO TERMINATE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY**
15 **THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY AND ANY**
16 **CANDIDATE AFFILIATED WITH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF THE DATE BY**
17 **WHICH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IS REQUIRED TO:**

18 **(1) PAY ALL OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS;**

19 **(2) DISPOSE OF ALL ITS REMAINING ASSETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
20 **13-247 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

21 **(3) TERMINATE AND FILE A FINAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2019.