

# SENATE BILL 950

G1

9lr3165

---

By: **Senator Kagan**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

---

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance – Death of Candidate – Termination of Campaign Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the authorized candidate campaign committee of a candidate  
4 who dies to pay outstanding obligations, dispose of remaining funds in a certain  
5 manner, and terminate and file a final campaign finance report within a certain  
6 period of time after the candidate's death; and generally relating to the termination  
7 of the authorized candidate campaign committee of a deceased candidate.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Election Law

10 Section 13–247

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Election Law

15 Section 13–310.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Election Law**

21 13–247.

22 After all campaign expenditures have been made and before filing a final campaign  
23 finance report under Subtitle 3 of this title, any remaining balance in the account of a  
24 campaign finance entity shall be returned pro rata to the contributors or paid to:

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) if the campaign finance entity is a political committee formed to support  
2 a candidate or act for a political party:

3 (i) the State central committee of the political party:

4 1. of which the candidate is a member; or

5 2. for which the political committee is acting;

6 (ii) the local central committee of the political party:

7 1. of which the candidate is a member in a county in which  
8 the candidate resides or which the candidate seeks to represent; or

9 2. for which the political committee is acting; or

10 (iii) the board of education of a county in which the candidate resides  
11 or which the candidate seeks to represent;

12 (2) a nonprofit organization that provides services or funds for the benefit  
13 of pupils or teachers;

14 (3) a charitable organization registered or exempt from registration under  
15 the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act;

16 (4) the Fair Campaign Financing Fund established under § 15–103 of this  
17 article; or

18 (5) a public or private institution of higher education in the State if:

19 (i) that institution possesses a certificate of approval from the  
20 Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

21 (ii) the payment is designated for use by the institution solely to  
22 award scholarships, grants, or loans to students attending the institution.

23 **13–310.1.**

24 **WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER A CANDIDATE DIES, THE CANDIDATE’S AUTHORIZED**  
25 **CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SHALL:**

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

27 **(2) DISPOSE OF ANY FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE PAYMENT OF ALL**  
28 **OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–247 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

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

2                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
3   October 1, 2019.