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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Contributions - Reporting - Exemption for Sale of Items**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the names of individuals who purchase items sold for
4 not more than a certain amount as a campaign fund raiser for a candidate or
5 committee need not be reported in a certain manner; providing that the net amount
6 of items sold must be reported in a certain manner; and generally relating to
7 reporting the names of persons who purchase items sold as campaign fund raisers
8 for a candidate or committee.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 33 - Election Code
11 Section 26-7(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 33 - Election Code**

17 26-7.

18 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) AND PARAGRAPH (4) of this
19 subsection, every treasurer and every subtreasurer shall keep detailed, full and accurate
20 accounts in a proper book or books, to be called "account books", to be provided and
21 preserved by the treasurer or subtreasurer, of all contributions, money or valuable things
22 received by or promised to, and of all expenditures, disbursements and promises of
23 payment or disbursements of money or valuable things made by any committee, or any of
24 its officers or members, or by any person acting under its authority, or on its behalf or by
25 the treasurer or subtreasurer, and setting forth in such statement and accounts the sum or
26 valuable thing so received, or disbursed, or promised, as the case may be, and the date
27 when, the name and address of the person from whom received or promised, or to whom
28 paid or promised, as the case may be, and the object and purposes for which the sum, or
29 other valuable thing, was received, or disbursed, or promised, as the case may be.

30 (2) Books and records may be destroyed or discarded at any time after two
31 years from the date of filing the final report required by § 26-11 of this article unless a
32 court of competent jurisdiction orders their retention for a longer period.

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1 (3) Notwithstanding any law or regulation that prohibits an anonymous
2 contribution, a treasurer or subtreasurer may accept and is not required to identify in the
3 account books each sum of money given by each individual who purchases a spin or
4 chance on the paddle wheel or wheel of fortune authorized by law to be operated in the
5 State at a campaign fund-raising event if:

6 (i) The cost to purchase each spin or chance on the paddlewheel or
7 wheel of fortune does not exceed \$2;

8 (ii) The total contributions to a political committee or partisan
9 organization from paddle wheels or wheels of fortune do not exceed \$2,500 per election;

10 (iii) The net income to the sponsoring political committee or partisan
11 organization from a paddle wheel or wheel of fortune does not exceed \$1,500 in a 24-hour
12 period at a single fund-raising event; and

13 (iv) The account books include the total net amount received and the
14 names and addresses of the individuals who attend the fund-raising event at which the
15 wheel is used.

16 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW THAT PROHIBITS AN ANONYMOUS
17 CONTRIBUTION, A TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER MAY ACCEPT, AND IS NOT
18 REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY IN THE ACCOUNT BOOKS, MONEY PAID BY AN INDIVIDUAL
19 TO PURCHASE AN ITEM SOLD AS A CAMPAIGN FUND RAISER FOR A CANDIDATE OR
20 COMMITTEE IF:

21 (I) THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE ITEM DOES NOT EXCEED \$25;
22 AND

23 (II) THE ACCOUNT BOOKS INCLUDE THE TOTAL NET AMOUNT
24 RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE ITEMS.

25 (5) If a political committee or partisan organization raises or receives
26 contributions from a paddle wheel or wheel of fortune in excess of any of the limitations
27 established in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the political committee or partisan
28 organization shall:

29 (i) Donate the excess contributions to the charity of its choice; or

30 (ii) Identify in the account books each sum of money given by each
31 individual who purchases a spin or chance on the paddle wheel or wheel of fortune
32 authorized by law to be operated in the State at a campaign fund-raising event.

33 [[5]] (6) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall adopt
34 regulations necessary to implement this subsection.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 October 1, 1996.