Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 266 (Senator Pinsky, et al.) Economic and Environmental Affairs

Election Laws - Contributions - Reports

This bill requires a candidate or campaign treasurer in reporting any contributions of \$251 or more, or any cumulative contributions over a four-year election cycle of \$251 or more, to identify a contributor by name, address, and, if any, occupation and employer. A candidate or treasurer is in compliance with the requirements if an effort is made to obtain and submit the necessary information. A candidate or treasurer has satisfied the information requirement if each written solicitation for contributions includes a request for the information.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Requiring candidates and treasurers to identify certain contributors would not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Information Source(s): State Administrative Board of Election Laws, Department of Fiscal

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