

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Vallario” and substitute “Vallario, Dembrow, Baldwin, Bobo, Brinkley, Clagett, Conroy, Crumlin, Cryor, DeCarlo, Dypski, Elliott, Finifter, Flanagan, Getty, Goldwater, Grosfeld, Heller, Howard, Kittleman, Malone, Mandel, Marriott, McKee, Minnick, D. Murphy, Perry, Petzold, Pitkin, Preis, Rudolph, Shriver, Snodgrass, Stup, Turner, Wood, Workman, and Cadden”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “that” in line 3 down through “public” in line 9 and substitute “the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to develop and implement a plan for the filing and maintenance in an electronic medium of certain campaign finance reports; specifying certain criteria and features for the plan; requiring the State Board periodically to submit certain reports to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly regarding the implementation of the plan for the filing and maintenance in an electronic medium of certain campaign finance reports”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 28, strike “(1)”; in the same line, strike “PARAGRAPH (3)” and substitute “SUBSECTIONS (D) THROUGH (H)”; and in the same line, strike “SUBSECTION” and substitute “SECTION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

Strike beginning with line 33 on page 2 through line 10 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(D) (1) THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR THE FILING AND MAINTENANCE IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER

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§ 26-11 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE PLAN SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET RESOURCES APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE BOARD.

(E)(1) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES.

(2) THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE THAT, BEGINNING WITH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS DUE IN NOVEMBER 1997, THE REPORT OF EACH STATEWIDE CANDIDATE AND ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH THE CANDIDATE:

(I) BE SUBMITTED IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD; AND

(II) BE ACCEPTED AND MAINTAINED BY THE STATE BOARD IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.

(3) (I) THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THAT, BEGINNING WITH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS DUE IN NOVEMBER 1999, EACH STATEWIDE CANDIDATE, NONSTATEWIDE CANDIDATE THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS WITH THE STATE BOARD, AND ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH SUCH CANDIDATES, THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS WITH THE STATE BOARD, TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER POLITICAL COMMITTEE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE BOARD, MUST SUBMIT ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT UTILIZING:

1. THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD, TOGETHER WITH THE DISKS OR OTHER MEDIA NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE THE SOFTWARE, TO ALLOW THE ENTITY TO FILE ITS CAMPAIGN REPORT IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM; OR

2. OTHER COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND DISKS OR OTHER MEDIA THAT MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR

THE SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM.

(II) THE STATE BOARD MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE FOR ANY MATERIALS IT PROVIDES TO AN ENTITY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(F) THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS SHALL:

(1) EXEMPT ANY CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT DOES NOT RAISE CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 DURING A 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM; HOWEVER, THE CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTARILY MAY CHOOSE TO FILE THE REPORT IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM; AND

(2) UPON A SHOWING OF UNDUE HARDSHIP, OFFER TO ANY ENTITY REQUIRED TO FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM THE OPTION OF HAVING THE STATE BOARD, FOR A REASONABLE FEE, ENTER ON A DISK OR OTHER MEDIUM THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE ENTITY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 11, strike “(5)” and substitute “(G)”; and in line 18, strike “(D)” and substitute “(H)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, after line 19, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, until the plan for the filing and maintenance of all campaign finance reports required under Article 33, § 26-11 of the Code is fully implemented in accordance with this Act, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall submit a report in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, describing its progress in meeting the requirements of this Act to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly

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on December 1 of each year.”;

in line 20, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 21, strike “October” and substitute “June”.