

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 872

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Election Law - Fair Campaign Financing Fund -" and substitute "Joint Committee on Checkoffs and"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through "Fund" in line 8 and substitute "establishing a Joint Committee on Checkoffs and Designation of Income Tax Payments by Individuals; establishing the membership, duties, purposes, and staffing of the Joint Committee; requiring the Joint Committee to submit a certain report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the effective date of this Act; and providing for the termination of the provisions of this Act"; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 23, inclusive, and substitute:

"BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 2-10A-05

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 2 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"Article - State Government

2-10A-05.

(A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHECKOFFS AND DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX PAYMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS.

(B) THE JOINT COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 10 MEMBERS:

(Over)

(1) FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

(2) FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

(C) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL EACH SELECT A CO-CHAIRMAN FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

(D) THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL EXAMINE:

(1) THE USE OF INCOME TAX CHECKOFFS FOR MARYLAND TAXES AND IN OTHER STATES;

(2) THE DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX PAYMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES IN MARYLAND AND OTHER STATES;

(3) THE FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING MARYLAND TAXPAYERS TO DESIGNATE AN AMOUNT TO BE USED FOR THE FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 33, § 31-4 OF THE CODE;

(4) THE FISCAL IMPACT OF PERMITTING ADDITIONAL CHECKOFFS OR THE DESIGNATION OF TAX MONEY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; AND

(5) THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THAT ADDITIONAL CHECKOFFS OR THE DESIGNATION OF TAX MONEY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES WOULD HAVE ON EXISTING CHECKOFFS.

(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1997, THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE PRIMARY STAFF SUPPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.

(G) THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL TERMINATE AND THIS SECTION SHALL BE NULL AND VOID AFTER JUNE 30, 1998 WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.”.

On page 3, in line 4, strike “October” and substitute “June”.