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2 Campaign Contribution - Contribution Limits - Exception

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain entities may exceed certain campaign
- 4 contribution limitations provided they file a statement with the State Administrative
- 5 Board of Election Laws, report each subsequent contribution within a certain time,
- and use certain forms for reporting; and generally relating to campaign contribution
- 7 limits.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article 33 Election Code
- 10 Section 26-9(d)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article 33 - Election Code

16 26-9.

- 17 (d) (1) (I) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (e-1) of this section, it is
- 18 unlawful for any individual, association, unincorporated association, corporation, or any
- 19 other entity either directly or indirectly, to contribute any money or thing of value greater
- 20 than \$4,000 to any candidate or political committee or to contribute money in excess of
- 21 \$100 except by check in any 4-year election cycle. Contributions may be made by credit
- 22 card, not to exceed \$100 per transaction, to any candidate or political committee under
- 23 this subsection. Total contributions by a contributor under this subsection shall not
- 24 exceed \$10,000 in any 4-year election cycle.
- 25 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL, ASSOCIATION, UNINCORPORATED
- 26 ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY MAY EXCEED THE
- 27 CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
- 28 PARAGRAPH IF:
- 29 1. THE ENTITY FILES A STATEMENT WITH THE STATE
- 30 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS THAT THE ENTITY WILL EXCEED THE
- 31 CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS OR MAY EXCEED THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS;

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3 4	2. THE ENTITY REPORTS EACH SUBSEQUENT CONTRIBUTION DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF MAKING THE CONTRIBUTION, OR WITHIN 48 HOURS OF MAKING THE CONTRIBUTION IF THE CONTRIBUTION IS MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION; AND
	3. THE STATEMENT AND REPORTS FILED BY THE ENTITY ARE ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS.
	(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the limit on contributions during a 4-year election cycle by the governing body for a political party or local central committee shall be as follows:
	(i) For a statewide governing body for a political party, not more than \$1 for every two registered voters in the State, regardless of party affiliation, as of January 1 following the preceding gubernatorial election; and
	(ii) For the governing body of a local central committee for a political party, not more than \$1 for every two registered voters in the county, regardless of party affiliation, as of January 1 following the preceding gubernatorial election.
20	(3) (i) The limitations set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection and subsection (e)(1) of this section shall apply to each 4-year election cycle beginning on January 1 following the gubernatorial election and continuing until December 31 that is 4 years later.
	(ii) Without regard to when a contribution or transfer is expended or used, the contribution or transfer shall be charged against the limitation for the election cycle in which:
25	1. The check is written or dated; or
26	2. The cash or other thing of value is received.
27 28	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.