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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Administrative Board of Election Laws - Computerized Campaign Finance Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to
4 accept certain campaign finance reports submitted in a certain electronic format
5 under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations;
6 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the submission of campaign
7 finance reports.

8 BY adding to

9 Article 33 - Election Code
10 Section 1-1 (a)(6B)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article 33 - Election Code
15 Section 26-12
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 33 - Election Code**

21 1-1.

22 (a) As used in this article the following terms shall have the meanings indicated
23 unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears:

24 (6B) "ELECTRONIC STORAGE FORMAT" MEANS A COMPUTER DISK OR
25 OTHER INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL MEDIUM APPROVED BY THE
26 STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS.

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1 26-12.

2 (a) The forms for the "Report or Statement of Campaign and Election
3 Contributions and Expenditures" and the "Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements"
4 shall be prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.

5 (b) A candidate or candidates for election or elected to a public office of the
6 United States shall file a copy of each statement required by federal laws or regulations
7 with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Additional campaign report filings
8 by the candidate are not required.

9 (C) (1) THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS MAY
10 ACCEPT A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 26-11 OF THIS ARTICLE
11 THAT IS SUBMITTED IN AN ELECTRONIC STORAGE FORMAT THAT MEETS THE
12 CRITERIA SPECIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD.

13 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING
14 CRITERIA FOR THE SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN AN
15 ELECTRONIC STORAGE FORMAT.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1997.