

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 4 (Delegate Taylor and Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters
Committee, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Election Laws - Contribution Reports - Contributor Information

This amended bill requires a candidate (including a chairman or treasurer), in reporting contributions in a campaign financing report, to identify a contributor by name, mailing address, and, if any, occupation and employer, if the contribution is at least \$500 or the contributor gave a cumulative amount of at least \$500 during the four-year election cycle. A candidate is in compliance with this provision if best efforts have been made to obtain, maintain, and submit the information. A candidate is deemed to have exercised best efforts if (1) each written solicitation for contributions includes a request for the information required or a follow-up request is made, when necessary to obtain the information; and (2) the required information is timely reported, including any amended reports.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Although the bill would require a change in the campaign financing reports, it would be absorbed within the State Administrative Board of Election Laws' existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None. Increasing the amount of information contained in campaign financing reports would not affect local elections boards' expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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

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