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By: **Delegate M. Burns**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Expenditures by a Campaign Treasurer - Wire Transfers**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the means by which campaign treasurers may pay  
4 certain expenses to include those means generally recognized and accepted by  
5 the banking industry for transferring funds; and generally relating to the  
6 payment of expenses by campaign treasurers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 26-5(b)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 26-5.

16 (b) Each candidate, political committee or central committee shall designate a  
17 campaign depository or depositories and all funds and contributions in furtherance of  
18 a candidacy, political committee or central committee shall, after receipt, be deposited  
19 by the treasurer or subtreasurer in the designated campaign depository in an account  
20 properly identifying the name of and the existence of the political candidacy, political  
21 committee or central committee. Except as provided in subsection (c), a candidate,  
22 campaign treasurer or subtreasurer may not pay any expense on behalf of a  
23 candidate, directly or indirectly, and a political committee or central committee,  
24 including political clubs, may not pay any expense of such organization except by  
25 check OR, IN THE CASE OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER, THOSE MEANS GENERALLY  
26 RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED BY THE BANKING INDUSTRY FOR TRANSFERRING  
27 FUNDS from the designated depository.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect October 1, 1998.