

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 877 (Delegate Kagan)

Commerce & Government Matters

Election Laws - Campaign Reports - Use of Information

This bill prohibits the sale or use of information obtained solely from reports, statements, or accounts relating to campaign contributions for commercial purposes or charitable solicitations. The bill also authorizes a candidate or political committee to use up to 10 pseudonyms to test whether campaign fund-raising information is being used for these purposes. A candidate or political committee which uses pseudonyms must deduct the dollar amount of the fictitious contribution under pseudonyms from the report, statement, or account submitted to the local board of elections and the State Board of Elections. The State Board must maintain a list of filed pseudonyms, but exclude the list from the public record.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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