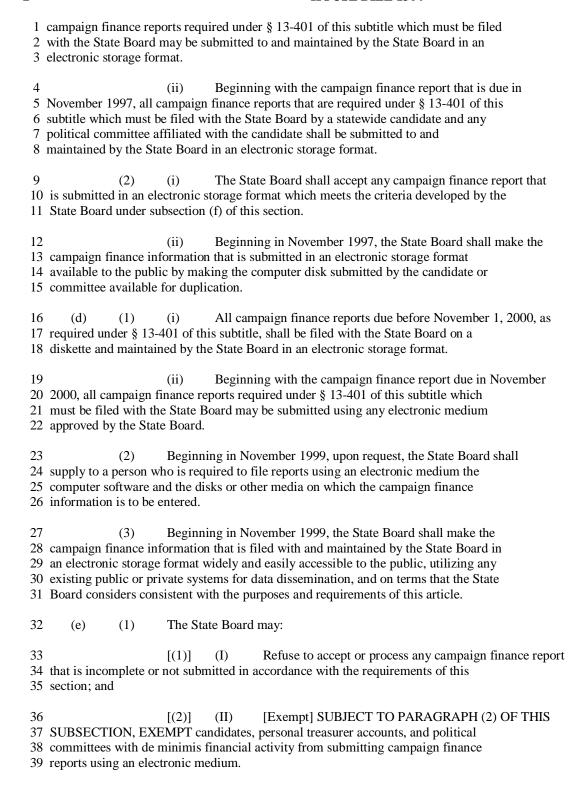
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By: Delegates Guns, Bozman, Rudolph, W. Baker, Conway, and Eckardt Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2000 Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Election Law - State or Local Central Committees - Contributions -3 **Exemption from Electronic Filing Requirement** 4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain State or local central committees for a political 5 party from the requirement to submit certain campaign finance reports using an electronic storage medium; providing that certain State or local central 6 7 committees for a political party may submit its campaign finance reports using 8 an electronic medium; and generally relating to the requirement that certain State or local central committees for a political party submit certain campaign 9 10 finance reports using an electronic storage medium. 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 12 Article 33 - Election Code 13 Section 13-402 14 Annotated Code of Maryland 15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement) 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 18 Article 33 - Election Code 19 13-402. 20 The forms for the "Report or Statement of Campaign and Election (a) 21 Contributions and Expenditures" and the "Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements" 22 shall be prescribed by the State Board. 23 A candidate or candidates for election or elected to a public office of the (b) 24 United States shall file a copy of each statement required by federal laws or 25 regulations with the State Board. Additional campaign report filings by the candidate 26 are not required. 27 (c) (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, (i)

28 beginning with the campaign finance report that is due in November 1997, all

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- 1 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
- 2 STATE BOARD SHALL EXEMPT A STATE OR LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR A
- 3 POLITICAL PARTY FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE
- 4 REPORTS USING AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM IF, DURING A CALENDAR YEAR, THE
- 5 AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DO NOT
- 6 EXCEED \$10,000. AT ITS OPTION, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NONETHELESS MAY
- 7 SUBMIT ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS USING AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM.
- 8 (f) The State Board shall:
- 9 (1) Develop specifications for submitting campaign finance reports using 10 an electronic medium; and
- 11 (2) Adopt regulations necessary to implement the requirements of this 12 section.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 14 October 1, 2000.