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By: **Senator Madden**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections - Campaign Finance - Slates**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a slate that expends a certain amount for certain  
4 purposes to report certain information; prohibiting the transfer of money  
5 between and among a slate and its candidate members; and generally relating to  
6 campaign finance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 13-202(b) and 13-213  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 13-202.

16 (b) If any committee, including a SLATE OR political club, directly or indirectly,  
17 expends fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) or more to aid or oppose the nomination or election  
18 of any candidate, regardless of the purpose for which the committee is formed, the  
19 treasurer of the committee, or in the case of a political club an officer thereof, shall  
20 report, on the form prescribed in § 13-402 of this title, a statement of contributions  
21 and expenditures to the treasurer appointed by the candidate being so aided, which  
22 statement shall be included in, or attached to, the statement of contributions and  
23 expenditures reported by the treasurer of the candidate as provided in §§ 13-401 and  
24 13-402 of this title, however, a political club need only report that amount which is  
25 actually contributed to a candidate. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to  
26 any committees located outside of the State of Maryland with respect to any  
27 expenditures of funds within the State of Maryland.

1 13-213.

2 (a) In this subsection, "political committee" includes a political committee  
3 registered under § 13-202 of this subtitle and an out-of-state political committee.

4 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, during a 4-year  
5 election cycle the treasurer of a political committee or the treasurer of a candidate  
6 may not directly or indirectly transfer any money greater than \$6,000 to the treasurer  
7 or political committee of a candidate or any other political committee.

8 (c) The limitations on transfers and the provisions on affiliations set forth in  
9 this subsection may not apply to:

10 (1) Transfers between and among political committees that are State or  
11 local committees of the same political party; AND

12 (2) [Transfers between and among a slate and its candidate members;  
13 and

14 (3)] Transfers between a campaign committee authorized by a candidate  
15 and that candidate's treasurer.

16 (d) In applying the limitations of this subsection, all affiliated political  
17 committees are treated as a single transferor. Political committees are "affiliated" if  
18 they are organized and operated in coordination and cooperation with each other or  
19 otherwise conduct their operations and make their contribution decisions under the  
20 control of the same individual or entity.

21 (e) The limitations on transfers to the treasurer or political committee of a  
22 candidate set forth in subsection (b) of this section shall apply to the individual  
23 regardless of the number of offices for which that individual files a certificate of  
24 candidacy within a 4-year election cycle.

25 (f) No transfer of any kind, in any amount, is permitted if it is intended to  
26 conceal the true identity of the actual contributor or the identity of the intended  
27 recipient.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2000.