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By: **Delegate Dembrow**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Election Law - State Board of Elections - Internet Website - Candidate and**  
3                                   **Ballot Question Directory**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain on its official  
5 website a candidate and ballot question directory; requiring the directory to  
6 include certain information; requiring the State Board to adopt certain  
7 regulations; and generally relating to the establishment and maintenance of a  
8 candidate and ballot question directory on the official Internet website of the  
9 State Board of Elections.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article 33 - Election Code  
12 Section 5-305  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article 33 - Election Code  
17 Section 7-104(a)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

22                                   **Article 33 - Election Code**

23 5-305.

24 (A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS OFFICIAL INTERNET WEBSITE  
25 A CANDIDATE AND BALLOT QUESTION DIRECTORY.

26 (B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN THE DIRECTORY:

1           (1)    (I)    THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE WHO FILES A CERTIFICATE OF  
2 CANDIDACY WITH THE STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL BOARD; AND

3                   (II)   IF THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO THE STATE BOARD IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION:

5                           1.    THE CANDIDATE'S PHOTOGRAPH;

6                           2.    THE CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHY; AND

7                           3.    A STATEMENT ON ANY ISSUE OR ISSUES OF PUBLIC  
8 INTEREST CHOSEN BY THE CANDIDATE; AND

9           (2)    THE INFORMATION FOR A QUESTION AS SPECIFIED UNDER § 7-104(A)  
10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

11   (C)    THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
12 SECTION.

13 7-104.

14   (a)    Each question shall appear on the ballot containing the following  
15 information:

16           (1)    A question number or letter as determined under subsection (c) of  
17 this section;

18           (2)    A brief designation of the type or source of the question;

19           (3)    A brief descriptive title in boldface type;

20           (4)    A condensed statement of the purpose of the question; and

21           (5)    The voting choices that the voter will have.

22   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
23 effect October 1, 2003.