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By: **Delegate Kittleman**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Campaign Finance - Slates**

3 FOR the purpose of amending certain campaign finance reporting requirements to  
4 alter the status of "slates"; amending certain limitations on transfers of  
5 campaign funds; and generally relating to campaign finance and slates.

6 BY repealing

7 Article 33 - Election Code

8 Section 13-201(e)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article 33 - Election Code

13 Section 13-213 and 13-401(l)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 13-201.

20 [(e) Any candidate, after filing the name of a treasurer as prescribed in  
21 subsection (a) of this section, may choose, at any time after the filing to join a group,  
22 combination or organization of candidates, commonly known as a "slate", at which  
23 time the candidate shall notify the board of the county or Baltimore City, or the State  
24 Board, with which his certificate of candidacy was filed in writing, of the fact that he  
25 has joined the slate and the date on which he did so. The treasurer of the slate shall  
26 report in the same manner as the treasurer of any political committee as prescribed in  
27 § 13-202 of this subtitle.]

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 in subsection (b) of this section, and the  
9 provisions on affiliations set forth in subsection (d) of this section, 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) (1) No transfer of any kind, in any amount, is permitted if it is intended  
26 to conceal the true identity of the actual contributor or the identity of the intended  
27 recipient.

28 (2) A political action committee that makes a transfer to the treasurer or  
29 political committee of a candidate [or a slate of candidates] under this section shall:

30 (i) display its official name, as filed with the State Board under §  
31 13-202 of this subtitle, in a prominent place on the face of the check by which the  
32 funds are transferred; and

33 (ii) Include in a prominent place on the face of the check the words  
34 "political action committee" or the notation "PAC" to indicate that the entity is a  
35 political action committee.

1 13-401.

2 (1) (1) A candidate and treasurer designated by that candidate, OR the  
3 chairman and treasurer of a candidate's committee, [or a slate of candidates,] who  
4 are required to file reports or statements under subsection (a), (d)(1), or (e)(3) of this  
5 section with the State Board, shall also file a single copy of all reports, statements,  
6 and affidavits required under this section with the local election board of the county  
7 or Baltimore City where the candidate resides. The report to the local board:

8 (i) Shall be filed according to the schedule set forth in subsections  
9 (a) and (d) of this section;

10 (ii) Before the full implementation of electronic filing under §  
11 13-402(d) of this subtitle, may be in the electronic storage format authorized by the  
12 State Board under § 13-402(c) of this subtitle or in paper copy, as directed by the local  
13 board; and

14 (iii) Is not subject to the requirements relating to the assessment of  
15 a late filing fee provided under § 13-403 of this subtitle.

16 (2) This subsection does not apply to candidates for the offices of  
17 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, or judge of an  
18 appellate court.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2001.