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By: **Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(Departmental - Elections, State Board of)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Campaign Finance Reports - Timely Receipt**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a campaign finance report received within a  
4 certain number of days after the report due date by the State or local election  
5 board is considered timely if certain verification is provided by certain private  
6 postal services that the report was mailed on or before the filing deadline; and  
7 generally relating to timely receipt of campaign finance reports.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 33 - Election Code  
10 Section 13-401(g)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 33 - Election Code**

16 13-401.

17 (g) (1) Any report RECEIVED AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE shall be  
18 considered timely [if it is mailed on or before the filing deadline, regardless of when  
19 it is actually received, if the United States Postal Service has provided verification of  
20 that fact by affixing a mark so indicating on either the envelope or any receipt  
21 therefor]:

22 (I) REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS RECEIVED, IF A UNITED STATES  
23 POSTAL SERVICE POSTMARK OR RECEIPT VERIFIES THAT THE REPORT WAS MAILED  
24 ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE; OR

25 (II) IF IT IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR THE APPROPRIATE  
26 LOCAL BOARD WITHIN 3 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE AND A PRIVATE POSTAL

1 METER POSTMARK OR RECEIPT BY A PRIVATE CARRIER VERIFIES THAT THE REPORT  
2 WAS MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE PRIVATE CARRIER ON OR BEFORE THE FILING  
3 DEADLINE.

4 (2) Unless a report is mailed, the boards and the State Board shall  
5 provide a receipt for each report received.

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