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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1113 (Delegate Kagan)
Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Privacy of Contributor Data

This bill prohibits the use of contributor data from campaign reports, statements, or account information filed with the State Board of Elections for commercial, charitable, or fundraising purposes. There is an exception for use by the candidate or political committee that supplied the data. The bill also requires that a written warning accompany any distribution of contributor data posted on the Internet stating that there are criminal penalties for the unauthorized use of contributor data. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of up to \$2,500. The State Board of Elections is authorized to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the bill's provisions.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no provisions restricting the use of contributor data in the State election code.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections; Carroll, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Queen Anne's counties; Department of Legislative Services

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