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By: Senators Roesser, Van Hollen, Conway, Green, Harris, Hooper, Kittleman, Mooney, Pinsky, Schrader, Stoltzfus, and Teitelbaum

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Campaign Finance Law - State Officeholders - Reporting Requirement Following Convening of the Legislative Session

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,

- 5 Comptroller, and members of the General Assembly, and affiliated campaign
- 6 fund-raising entities, to report by a certain date following the convening of a
- 7 regular legislative session a statement of contributions and transfers received
- 8 during a prescribed time frame prior to the session if the amount of
- 9 contributions and transfers exceeds a specified sum; requiring the report of
- 10 contributions and transfers to be filed electronically as specified by the State
- 11 Board of Elections; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the
- 12 effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the reporting by State
- 13 officeholders following the convening of the legislative session of contributions
- 14 and transfers received immediately preceding the start of the legislative session.

15 BY adding to

- 16 Article Election Law
- 17 Section 13-307
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
- 20 2002)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Election Law

24 13-307.

25 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

26 (1) THE GOVERNOR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE ATTORNEY 27 GENERAL, THE COMPTROLLER, AND A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

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1 (2) ANY CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING ENTITY AFFILIATED WITH AN 2 OFFICEHOLDER LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

3 (B) ON OR BEFORE THE THIRD MONDAY FOLLOWING THE CONVENING OF A
4 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AN OFFICEHOLDER AND
5 FUND-RAISING ENTITY SHALL FILE A STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND
6 TRANSFERS RECEIVED BY THAT PERSON THAT COVERS THE PERIOD SINCE THE END
7 OF THE PERIOD ENCOMPASSED BY THE LAST PRECEDING REPORT FILED UNDER
8 THIS TITLE AND CONTINUING THROUGH, BUT NOT INCLUDING, THE FIRST DAY OF
9 THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION IF THE OFFICEHOLDER OR FUND-RAISING
10 ENTITY RECEIVED AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS IN EXCESS OF
11 \$5,000 SINCE THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE LAST REPORT FILED UNDER THIS TITLE.

12 (C) THE REPORT FILED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION 13 TO ANY REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 13-304 OR § 13-309 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

14 (D) A STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS REQUIRED UNDER
15 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY FILED IN A FORMAT
16 SPECIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the additional reporting
requirement imposed under § 13-307 of the Election Law Article as enacted by this
Act shall take effect with the commencement of the General Assembly term that
begins on January 8, 2003.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions 22 of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.

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