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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Continuing Political Committees for State Officeholders -**
3 **Carryover Campaign Funds**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the continuing political committees of individuals
5 elected to certain State offices may not carry over, from one election cycle to
6 another, campaign funds in excess of a certain amount; requiring that the
7 continuing political committees of individuals elected to certain State offices
8 dispose of certain campaign carryover funds after each election cycle in a certain
9 manner by a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
10 relating to the disposition of excess carryover campaign funds of the continuing
11 political committees of certain State officeholders.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Election Law
14 Section 13-247
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
17 2002)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Election Law
20 Section 13-247
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
23 2002)

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

1 **Article - Election Law**

2 13-247.

3 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT IS
4 AFFILIATED WITH:

- 5 (1) A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;
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- 6 (2) A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; OR
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- 7 (3) ANY OTHER PERSON ELECTED TO OFFICE STATEWIDE.

8 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A CONTINUING POLITICAL
9 COMMITTEE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT CARRY OVER
10 FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION CYCLE FUNDS IN EXCESS OF:

- 11 (1) THE GREATER OF \$10,000 OR 10 PERCENT OF THE AGGREGATE
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- 12 AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE CONTINUING POLITICAL
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- 13 COMMITTEE DURING THAT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION CYCLE; AND
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- 14 (2) AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY ANY OUTSTANDING CAMPAIGN
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- 15 OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN A PRIOR
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- 16 ELECTION.

17 (C) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH THE
18 GOVERNOR IS ELECTED, ANY CARRYOVER FUNDS OF A CONTINUING POLITICAL
19 COMMITTEE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION THAT ARE IN EXCESS
20 OF THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE
21 DEEMED SURPLUS FUNDS AND DISPOSED OF AS PROVIDED IN § 13-248 OF THIS
22 SUBTITLE.

23 [13-247.] 13-248.

24 After all campaign expenditures have been made and before filing a final
25 campaign finance report under Subtitle 3 of this title, any remaining balance in the
26 account of a campaign finance entity shall be returned pro rata to the contributors or
27 paid to:

- 28 (1) if the campaign finance entity is a personal treasurer or a political
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- 29 committee formed to support a candidate or act for a political party:
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- 30 (i) the State central committee of the political party:
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- 31 1. of which the candidate is a member; or
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- 32 2. for which the political committee is acting;
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- 33 (ii) the local central committee of the political party:

