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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Campaign Signs - Contact Telephone Number**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that each item of campaign material that is displayed in
4 public view as a sign shall contain, as part of the authority line, a contact
5 telephone number of the campaign finance entity responsible for the campaign
6 material.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Election Law
9 Section 13-401
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume)

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

14 **Article - Election Law**

15 13-401.

16 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each item of campaign
17 material shall contain, set apart from any other message, an authority line that
18 states:

19 (i) as to campaign material published or distributed by a campaign
20 finance entity:

21 1. the name and address of the treasurer of each campaign
22 finance entity responsible for the campaign material; and

23 2. as to each treasurer named under item 1 of this
24 paragraph, the name of each campaign finance entity for which the treasurer is
25 acting; and

1 (ii) as to campaign material published or distributed by any other
2 person, the name and address of the person responsible for the campaign material.

3 (2) The authority line may omit an address that is on file with the State
4 Board or a local board.

5 (3) If the campaign material is too small to include all the information
6 specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection in a legible manner, the authority line
7 need only contain the name and title of the treasurer or other person responsible for
8 it.

9 (4) The authority line for campaign material that is a commercial
10 advertisement need only contain the information specified in paragraphs (1) and (2)
11 of this subsection for one campaign finance entity or other person responsible for the
12 advertisement.

13 (5) IF THE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL IS DISPLAYED IN PUBLIC VIEW AS A
14 SIGN, THE AUTHORITY LINE SHALL INCLUDE A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
15 THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.

16 (b) Campaign material that is published or distributed in support of or in
17 opposition to a candidate, but is not authorized by the candidate, shall include the
18 following statement:

19 "This message has been authorized and paid for by (name of payor or any
20 organization affiliated with the payor), (name and title of treasurer or president).
21 This message has not been authorized or approved by any candidate."

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2003.