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By: **Senator Harris**  
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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Formation of Slates**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain individuals who have filed certificates of  
4 candidacy for certain offices to form a slate; authorizing certain individuals to  
5 form a slate if they have filed certain statements with the State Board of  
6 Elections indicating that these individuals are eligible for and intend to file  
7 certificates of candidacy for certain offices; authorizing the State Board of  
8 Elections to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to individuals who  
9 are eligible to form a slate.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Election Law  
12 Section 13-209  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2003 Volume)

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

17 **Article - Election Law**

18 13-209.

19 (a) (1) Two or more candidates [who] MAY FORM A SLATE IF THE  
20 CANDIDATES:

21 (I) have established separate campaign finance entities [may form  
22 a slate]; AND

23 (II) 1. HAVE FILED CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICES  
24 THAT ARE TO APPEAR ON THE SAME ELECTION BALLOT; OR

25 2. FILE STATEMENTS WITH THE STATE BOARD THAT THEY  
26 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AND INTEND TO FILE CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICES  
27 THAT ARE TO APPEAR ON THE SAME ELECTION BALLOT.

1                   (2)       THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
2 SUBSECTION.

3       (b)       After establishing a campaign finance entity in accordance with §  
4 13-202(b) of this subtitle, a candidate may join a slate.

5       (c)       (1)       To join a slate, a candidate shall file a written notice with the board  
6 where the candidate filed a certificate of candidacy.

7                   (2)       The notice shall specify:

8                   (i)       the name of the slate that the candidate has joined; and

9                   (ii)      the date on which the candidate joined the slate.

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