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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Slates - Transfers - Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the transfers allowed between a slate and
4 each campaign finance entity of its members; providing an exception to the
5 limitation on the amount of transfers allowed by a slate to the campaign finance
6 entities of members of the slate under certain circumstances; and generally
7 relating to limitations on the amount of the transfers that may be made by a
8 slate and the members of the slate.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Election Law
11 Section 13-227
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 13-227.

18 (a) In this section, a "campaign finance entity" includes a nonfederal
19 out-of-state political committee.

20 (b) The limit on transfers set forth in subsection (c) of this section does not
21 apply to a transfer:

22 (1) by a campaign finance entity to a ballot issue committee;

23 (2) between or among:

24 (i) political committees that are State or local central committees
25 of the same political party; AND

26 (ii) [a slate and the campaign finance entities of its members; and

1 (iii)] the campaign finance entities of a candidate.

2 (c) (1) [During] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
3 SUBSECTION, DURING an election cycle, a campaign finance entity may not directly or
4 indirectly make transfers in a cumulative amount of more than \$6,000 to any one
5 other campaign finance entity.

6 (2) (I) DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, CUMULATIVE TRANSFERS IN
7 EXCESS OF \$10,000 MAY NOT BE MADE BETWEEN A SLATE AND EACH CAMPAIGN
8 FINANCE ENTITY OF THE SLATE'S MEMBERS.

9 (II) A TRANSFER FROM A SLATE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE
10 ENTITY OF A MEMBER OF THE SLATE MAY EXCEED THE LIMITATION UNDER
11 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WHEN THE SLATE IS TERMINATED AND THE
12 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT OF THE SLATE IS CLOSED.

13 (d) (1) All affiliated campaign finance entities are treated as a single entity
14 in determining:

15 (i) the amount of transfers made by a campaign finance entity; and

16 (ii) the amount of transfers received by a campaign finance entity.

17 (2) Campaign finance entities are deemed to be affiliated if they:

18 (i) are organized and operated in coordination and cooperation
19 with each other; or

20 (ii) otherwise conduct their operations and make their decisions
21 relating to transfers and other contributions under the control of the same individual
22 or entity.

23 (e) The limit on transfers to the campaign finance entities of a candidate
24 prescribed in subsection (c) of this section applies regardless of the number of offices
25 sought by the candidate.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect October 1, 2004.