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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Expenditures - Methods of**
3 **Disbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a campaign finance entity to pay for campaign
5 expenditures with a check card, credit card, or debit card that is attributed or
6 attached to a designated campaign account; and generally relating to the
7 payment of campaign expenditures by a campaign finance entity.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Election Law
10 Section 13-220
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Election Law**

16 13-220.

17 (a) (1) Each campaign finance entity shall designate one or more campaign
18 accounts.

19 (2) Each designated campaign account shall:

20 (i) be in a financial institution; and

21 (ii) be registered in a manner that identifies it as the account of a
22 campaign finance entity.

23 (3) A campaign finance entity shall deposit all funds received in a
24 designated campaign account.

1 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (c) of this
2 section, a campaign finance entity may [not] directly or indirectly make a
3 disbursement [except] by:

4 (I) check from a campaign account designated under subsection (a)
5 of this section; OR

6 (II) CHECK CARD, CREDIT CARD, OR DEBIT CARD ATTRIBUTED OR
7 ATTACHED TO A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
8 SECTION.

9 (2) A campaign finance entity, or a person authorized by the campaign
10 finance entity, may pay an expense of the campaign finance entity from funds other
11 than a campaign account if:

12 (i) the expense is supported by a receipt that is provided to the
13 campaign finance entity; and

14 (ii) the campaign finance entity reimburses the person who paid
15 the expense by check from the campaign account and reports the expense as an
16 expenditure of the campaign finance entity in accordance with Subtitle 3 of this title.

17 (c) (1) A campaign finance entity may maintain a petty cash fund.

18 (2) The campaign finance entity shall maintain a separate account book
19 for the petty cash fund.

20 (3) The petty cash fund:

21 (i) may not exceed \$250 at any time; and

22 (ii) may be replenished only by check from a campaign account
23 designated under subsection (a) of this section.

24 (4) Not more than \$25 may be disbursed from the petty cash fund in a
25 primary or general election to a single recipient.

26 (5) Each petty cash expenditure shall be supported by a receipt and
27 reported by category on the appropriate campaign finance report.

28 (6) This subsection does not authorize an expenditure that otherwise is
29 unlawful under this article.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2005.