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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By  
Request - Departmental - Elections, State Board of)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Campaign Finance Report Requirements - Ballot Issue**  
3 **Committees**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a ballot issue committee to file a report both before and  
5 after certain elections; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally  
6 relating to the campaign finance reporting requirements for ballot issue  
7 committees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Election Law  
10 Section 13-309  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2003 Volume and 2005 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 13-309.

17 (a) Subject to other provisions of this subtitle, a campaign finance entity shall  
18 file campaign finance reports as follows:

19 (1) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the fourth Tuesday  
20 immediately preceding a primary election;

1 (2) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the second Friday  
2 immediately preceding [an] A PRIMARY election;

3 (3) ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A  
4 GENERAL ELECTION; and

5 [(3)] (4) on or before the third Tuesday after a general election.

6 (b) (1) This subsection does not apply to a continuing political committee.

7 (2) A campaign finance entity is subject to subsection (a) of this section  
8 and this subsection only as to the election for which the entity was formed.

9 (3) In addition to the campaign finance reports required under  
10 subsection (a) of this section, but subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a  
11 campaign finance entity shall file campaign finance reports on the third Wednesday  
12 in January.

13 (4) If a campaign finance entity has neither a cash balance nor an  
14 outstanding obligation at the end of a reporting period, a campaign finance report for  
15 that period, clearly marked as "final", shall be filed on or before the due date, and no  
16 further report is required.

17 (c) In addition to the campaign reports required under subsection (a) of this  
18 section, a continuing political committee shall file a campaign finance report on the  
19 third Wednesday in January of each year the committee is in existence.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an  
21 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health  
22 or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
23 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take  
24 effect from the date it is enacted.