

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 780 (Delegate Glassman)  
 Ways and Means

**Election Law - Reporting of Slate Expenditures**

This bill requires a campaign finance entity representing a slate of candidates to include for each expenditure listed on the campaign finance report the name of the slate member on whose behalf the expenditure was made or for whose benefit the expenditure was made.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** A one-time general fund expenditure of \$25,000 in FY 2007 primarily for updating State Board of Elections filer software and the campaign finance tracking system.

(in dollars)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	25,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Current Law:** All campaign finance entities, except for political clubs, must file a campaign finance report from the date of organization until termination. Reports must include information required by the State Board of Elections with respect to all

contributions received, and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign finance entity during the designated reporting period.

There are four financial disclosure reports that must be filed in an election year according to the following schedule:

- the fourth Tuesday preceding a primary election;
- the second Friday preceding a primary election;
- the second Friday preceding a general election; and
- the third Tuesday following a general election.

An annual report is required of all political committees during a nonelection year, and an additional report is required of noncontinuing committees after a general election if a cash balance or outstanding obligation remains in a campaign account. There is no requirement for individual members of a slate to report expenditures separately.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Identical bills, HB 654 of 2003, HB 169 of 2004, and HB 456 of 2005 were each unfavorably reported from the Ways and Means Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Board of Elections, State Ethics Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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