

# HOUSE BILL 560

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Contributions – Limits on Contributions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the aggregate amount of money a person may contribute  
4 in an election cycle; establishing an aggregate contribution limit for campaign  
5 finance entities for certain county offices and another aggregate contribution  
6 limit for campaign finance entities for all other offices; providing for the  
7 application of this Act; and generally relating to limits on campaign  
8 contributions to certain entities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Election Law  
11 Section 13–226  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2003 Volume and 2006 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 13–226.

18 (a) The limits on contributions in this section do not apply to:

19 (1) a contribution to a ballot issue committee; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)    those contributions defined as transfers.

2           (b)    Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a person may not, either directly  
3 or indirectly, in an election cycle make:

4           (1)    aggregate contributions in excess of:

5                   (i)    \$4,000 to any one campaign finance entity; or

6                           (ii)    **1.    \$10,000 to [all] campaign finance entities FOR**  
7 **PUBLIC OFFICES ENTIRELY IN ONE COUNTY, OTHER THAN STATE SENATOR OR**  
8 **MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; [or] AND**

9   **2.    \$10,000 TO ALL OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
10 **ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THIS TITLE; OR**

11           (2)    a contribution of money in excess of \$100 except by check or credit  
12 card.

13           (c)    (1)    Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a central committee  
14 of a political party may make aggregate in-kind contributions during an election cycle  
15 that are not in excess of:

16                           (i)    for a State central committee, \$1 for every two registered  
17 voters in the State; and

18                           (ii)   for a local central committee, \$1 for every two registered  
19 voters in the county.

20           (2)    For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the number of  
21 registered voters is determined, regardless of party affiliation, as of the first day of the  
22 election cycle.

23           (d)    The limit on contributions to the campaign finance entity of a candidate  
24 applies regardless of the number of offices sought by the candidate or campaign  
25 finance entities formed to support the candidate.

26           (e)    Contributions by a corporation and any wholly-owned subsidiary of the  
27 corporation, or by two or more corporations owned by the same stockholders, shall be  
28 considered as being made by one contributor.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
2 contributions made during the 4-year election cycle that began on January 1, 2007,  
3 and to each 4-year election cycle thereafter.

4           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 2007.