

HOUSE BILL 1380

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By: **Delegate Heller**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Account – Debit Card Disbursements**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a campaign finance entity to use a debit card to make
4 a disbursement from a certain campaign account; authorizing a campaign
5 finance entity to use a debit card to reimburse a certain person for certain
6 expenses; authorizing a campaign finance entity to use a debit card to replenish
7 a petty cash fund; and generally relating to the use of a debit card by a
8 campaign finance entity.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 13–220
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**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 13-220.

2 (a) (1) Each campaign finance entity shall designate one or more
3 campaign accounts.

4 (2) Each designated campaign account shall:

5 (i) be in a financial institution; and

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

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

10 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (c) of
11 this section, a campaign finance entity may not directly or indirectly make a
12 disbursement except by check **OR DEBIT CARD** from a campaign account designated
13 under subsection (a) of this section.

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

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

19 (ii) the campaign finance entity reimburses the person who paid
20 the expense by check **OR DEBIT CARD** from the campaign account and reports the
21 expense as an expenditure of the campaign finance entity in accordance with Subtitle
22 3 of this title.

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

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

26 (3) The petty cash fund:

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

1 (ii) may be replenished only by check **OR DEBIT CARD** from a
2 campaign account designated under subsection (a) of this section.

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

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

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

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.