CHAPTER 226

(House Bill 198)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Annual Financial Report - Filing Date

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FOR the purpose of altering the date by which Howard County must file its annual financial report for the fiscal year with the Department of Legislative Services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article 19 – Comptroller Section 37 Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article 19 – Comptroller

37.

(a) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH county, municipal corporation, and taxing district in the State[:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,] shall by the first day of November after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services[,] its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year[; or].

(2) (I) [With] EACH COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR TAXING DISTRICT WITH a population of more than 400,000[,] may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.

(II) UNLESS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES, HOWARD COUNTY MAY BY THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER AFTER THE

CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES ITS FINANCIAL REPORT COVERING THE FULL PERIOD OF THAT FISCAL YEAR.

(b) The reports required by subsection (a) of this section shall be:

(1) Properly filled in on the form or forms established by the Department as provided in this subtitle; and

(2) Verified by the chief executive officer of each county, municipal corporation, and taxing district.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.