

HOUSE BILL 826

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2008

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Regulation of Local Campaign Finance Activity**

3 **MC 803–08**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to enact
5 laws to regulate campaign finance activity for Montgomery County elective
6 officers and candidates for election to those offices; specifying certain provisions
7 and limitations applicable to any laws enacted to regulate campaign finance
8 activity; and generally relating to the regulation of campaign finance activity of
9 Montgomery County elective officers and candidates for election to those offices.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Election Law

12 Section 13–502.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 **13–502.1.**

19 (A) **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
20 **GOVERNING BODY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY ENACT LAWS TO REGULATE**
21 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICERS**
22 **AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THOSE OFFICES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LAW**
2 **ENACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY:**

3 **(1) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING;**

4 **(2) INCLUDE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND**
5 **EXPENDITURES, REPORTING, CAMPAIGN MATERIAL, AND, AS PROVIDED UNDER**
6 **ARTICLE 25A, § 5 OF THE CODE, ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; AND**

7 **(3) BE MORE STRINGENT THAN ANY APPLICABLE LAW OF THE**
8 **STATE AND MODIFIED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS**
9 **RELEVANT TO THE COUNTY.**

10 **(C) A LAW ENACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT**
11 **CONFLICT WITH ANY APPLICABLE LAW OF THE STATE OR THE UNITED STATES.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2008.