

# SENATE BILL 512

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Campaign Finance Entities – Certificates of Deposit**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a campaign finance entity may deposit funds in a  
4 certificate of deposit account; and generally relating to campaign finance  
5 entities and certificates of deposit.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Election Law  
8 Section 13–220  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 13–220.

15 (a) (1) Each campaign finance entity shall designate one or more  
16 campaign accounts.

17 (2) Each designated campaign account shall:

18 (i) be in a financial institution; and

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (c) of  
4 this section, a campaign finance entity may not directly or indirectly make a  
5 disbursement except by check from a campaign account designated under subsection  
6 (a) of this section.

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

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

12 (ii) the campaign finance entity reimburses the person who paid  
13 the expense by check from the campaign account and reports the expense as an  
14 expenditure of the campaign finance entity in accordance with Subtitle 3 of this title.

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

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

18 (3) The petty cash fund:

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

20 (ii) may be replenished only by check from a campaign account  
21 designated under subsection (a) of this section.

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

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

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

28 **(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT, AND MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED**  
29 **AS PROHIBITING, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY FROM DEPOSITING FUNDS IN A**  
30 **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THAT IS LINKED TO OR UNDER THE**  
31 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY'S DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.**

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2009.