

SENATE BILL 918

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Senators Ferguson, Benson, Kittleman, and Raskin**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Contributors – Occupation and Employer**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the treasurer of a campaign finance entity to record the
4 occupation and employer of an individual who makes contributions of a certain
5 cumulative amount to the campaign finance entity during an election cycle;
6 requiring the treasurer to include in a campaign finance report the occupation
7 and employer of an individual who makes contributions to the campaign finance
8 entity of a certain cumulative amount; requiring the State Board of Elections to
9 provide certain notice to a treasurer of a campaign finance entity if a contributor
10 makes cumulative contributions exceeding a certain amount during a certain
11 period; requiring the State Board to require a certain standard response that a
12 treasurer shall include in a campaign finance report if a contributor does not
13 provide certain information to the treasurer; and generally relating to reporting
14 the occupation and employer of certain contributors to campaign finance
15 entities.

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Election Law
3 Section 13–221 and 13–304(b)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Election Law**

9 13–221.

10 (a) (1) The treasurer of a campaign finance entity shall keep a detailed
11 and accurate account book of all assets received, expenditures made, and obligations
12 incurred by or on behalf of the entity.

13 (2) Except as provided in § 13–240 of this subtitle, as to each asset
14 received or expenditure made, the account book shall state:

15 (i) its amount or value;

16 (ii) the date of the receipt or expenditure;

17 (iii) the name and address of the person from whom the asset
18 was received or to whom the expenditure was made; and

19 (iv) a description of the asset received or the purpose for which
20 the expenditure was made.

21 (3) ***(1)*** TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE TREASURER OF A
22 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL RECORD THE OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER
23 OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE
24 ENTITY IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$500 OR MORE DURING AN ELECTION
25 CYCLE.

26 ***(II) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:***

27 ***1. PROMPTLY PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE TREASURER***
28 ***OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IF A CONTRIBUTOR INCLUDED ON A CAMPAIGN***
29 ***FINANCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE TREASURER HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS***
30 ***TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$500 OR***
31 ***MORE DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE; AND***

1 **2. REQUIRE A STANDARD RESPONSE THAT A**
 2 **TREASURER SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IF A**
 3 **CONTRIBUTOR DOES NOT SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUIRED CONCERNING**
 4 **THE CONTRIBUTOR'S OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER.**

5 **[(3)] (4)** Each expenditure made from a campaign account shall be
 6 supported by a receipt.

7 (b) The account books and related records of a campaign finance entity shall
 8 be preserved until 2 years after the campaign finance entity files a final campaign
 9 finance report under Subtitle 3 of this title.

10 13–304.

11 (b) A campaign finance report filed by a campaign finance entity under
 12 subsection (a) of this section shall include:

13 **(1)** the information required by the State Board with respect to all
 14 contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign
 15 finance entity during the designated reporting period; **AND**

16 **(2)** **THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE OCCUPATIONS AND**
 17 **EMPLOYERS OF CONTRIBUTORS REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED BY THE**
 18 **TREASURER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY UNDER § 13–221 OF THIS TITLE.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 20 June 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.