

SENATE BILL 918

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to reporting the
9 occupation and employer of certain contributors to campaign finance entities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 13–221 and 13–304(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 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 13–221.

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

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

24 (i) its amount or value;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) the date of the receipt or expenditure;
- 2 (iii) the name and address of the person from whom the asset
3 was received or to whom the expenditure was made; and
- 4 (iv) a description of the asset received or the purpose for which
5 the expenditure was made.

6 **(3) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE TREASURER OF A**
7 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL RECORD THE OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER**
8 **OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
9 **ENTITY IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$500 OR MORE DURING AN ELECTION**
10 **CYCLE.**

11 ~~[(3)]~~ **(4)** Each expenditure made from a campaign account shall be
12 supported by a receipt.

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

16 13-304.

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

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

22 **(2) THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE OCCUPATIONS AND**
23 **EMPLOYERS OF CONTRIBUTORS REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED BY THE**
24 **TREASURER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY UNDER § 13-221 OF THIS TITLE.**

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