

# SENATE BILL 982

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By: **Senator Benson**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Petition Fund Reports – Available Online**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to make certain statements  
4 of contributions and expenditures for certain petitions available on its Internet  
5 site; and generally relating to making information concerning the financing of  
6 petitions available online.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Election Law  
9 Section 7–104(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 7–104.

16 (c) (1) At the time of filing a petition under the provisions of Article XI–A  
17 or Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution, the person who files the petition shall  
18 also file a signed statement, under penalty of perjury, showing the contributions and  
19 expenditures for the petition including:

20 (i) the name and post office address of every contributor to the  
21 expense of the petition;

22 (ii) the amount contributed by each contributor; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) the name and address of each person to whom any money  
2 was paid or promised for providing a service related to the petition.

3 (2) If the statement under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not filed  
4 with the petition, the petition may not be certified under § 6–208 of this article.

5 (3) (i) The individual who signed the statement required under  
6 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be a party to any proceeding to test the validity  
7 of the petition.

8 (ii) The proceeding shall be filed in the county where the person  
9 or association resides or maintains its principal place of business.

10 (4) **THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE A STATEMENT REQUIRED**  
11 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS**  
12 **INTERNET SITE.**

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