

SENATE BILL 109

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**

Requested: September 30, 2013

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure Statements – Electronic Filing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain financial disclosure statements be filed
4 electronically with the State Ethics Commission; requiring the Ethics
5 Commission to develop and implement certain procedures for the electronic
6 filing of a financial disclosure statement and for the Ethics Commission to grant
7 exemptions to the mandatory electronic filing requirement; and generally
8 relating to the electronic filing of financial disclosure statements with the State
9 Ethics Commission.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 15–602(a) and (d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 15–602.

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a statement filed under §
20 15–601, § 15–603, § 15–604, or § 15–605 of this subtitle shall:

21 (1) be filed **ELECTRONICALLY** with the Ethics Commission;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) be filed under oath;
- 2 (3) be filed on or before April 30 of each year;
- 3 (4) cover the calendar year immediately preceding the year of filing;
- 4 and
- 5 (5) contain the information required in § 15–607 of this subtitle.

6 (d) (1) The Ethics Commission shall develop **AND IMPLEMENT**
7 procedures [under which]:

8 **(I) FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF** a statement under this
9 subtitle [may be filed electronically and without additional cost to the individual who
10 files the statement]; **AND**

11 **(II) FOR THE ETHICS COMMISSION TO GRANT AN**
12 **EXEMPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS**
13 **SECTION.**

14 (2) (i) To comply with the requirement of paragraph (1) of this
15 subsection, the Ethics Commission may adopt regulations to modify the format for
16 disclosure of information required under § 15–607 of this subtitle.

17 (ii) The regulations adopted under this paragraph shall be
18 consistent with the intent of this title.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2014.