Chapter 74

(Senate Bill 930)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Filing Deadlines for Pre–Primary Election and Post–General Election Campaign Finance Reports

FOR the purpose of altering the deadline dates for a campaign finance entity to file a pre-primary election campaign finance report and a post-general election campaign finance report; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the filing of a campaign finance report.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 13–309(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article - Election Law

13-309.

- (a) Subject to other provisions of this subtitle and except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a campaign finance entity shall file campaign finance reports as follows:
- (1) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the third Tuesday in April, if the campaign finance entity did not file the annual campaign finance report specified under subsection (b)(2) of this section on the immediately preceding third Wednesday in January;
- (2) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the [fourth] **FIFTH** Tuesday immediately preceding each primary election;
- (3) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the second Friday immediately preceding a primary election;
- (4) on or before the last Tuesday in August immediately preceding a general election;

- (5) for a ballot issue committee only, on or before the fourth Friday immediately preceding a general election;
- (6) on or before the second Friday immediately preceding a general election; and
 - (7) on or before the [third] **SECOND** Tuesday after a general election.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.