

HOUSE BILL 294

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By: **Delegate Morhaim**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Contributions – Disclosure**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law allowing a campaign finance entity of a
4 candidate to report a certain cumulative amount of contributions of less than a
5 certain amount from a single contributor on its campaign finance reports without
6 identifying the amount of each contribution and the name and address of each
7 contributor; repealing a provision of law allowing a political committee to report
8 certain contributions collected by payroll deduction without identifying the amount
9 of each contribution and the name and address of each contributor if certain
10 information is included on the political committee's campaign finance report;
11 imposing a certain limit on the total receipts a political committee may receive from
12 the sale of raffle tickets in an election cycle without identifying the amount of each
13 contribution and the name and address of each contributor; making conforming and
14 clarifying changes; and generally relating to disclosure of campaign contributions.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Election Law
17 Section 13–240 and 13–304(c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Election Law**

23 13–240.

24 (a) This section applies to a spin or chance on a paddle wheel or wheel of fortune
25 or a raffle that is authorized under the laws of this State to operate at a campaign
26 fund-raising event.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) [Except as provided in § 13–304(c) of this title, but notwithstanding]
2 **NOTWITHSTANDING** § 13–239 of this subtitle or any other law that prohibits an
3 anonymous contribution, a political committee may accept contributions received from the
4 sale of a spin or chance or a raffle ticket, and need not identify the individual contributor
5 on its campaign finance reports, if:

6 (1) the account book of the political committee includes:

7 (i) the net amount received by the political committee from the
8 raffle, spin, or chance at the fundraising event at which the sale was made; and

9 (ii) the name and address of each person who attended the event;

10 (2) no spin or chance is sold at the event for more than \$2;

11 (3) the net income of the sponsoring political committee from spins and
12 chances at the event does not exceed \$1,500 in a 24–hour period;

13 (4) the total receipts of the sponsoring political committee from spins and
14 chances in that election **CYCLE** do not exceed \$2,500;

15 (5) a raffle is conducted in accordance with § 12–106(b) of the Criminal Law
16 Article; [and]

17 **(6) THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF THE SPONSORING POLITICAL**
18 **COMMITTEE FROM RAFFLES IN THAT ELECTION CYCLE DO NOT EXCEED \$2,500; AND**

19 ~~[(6)]~~**(7)** the political committee includes on its campaign finance report:

20 (i) a lump sum contribution of the net amount received by the
21 political committee from the raffle, spin, or chance at the fundraising event; and

22 (ii) the total number of persons purchasing a raffle ticket, spin, or
23 chance at the event.

24 (c) If a political committee raises funds in excess of a limit specified in this
25 section, the political committee shall:

26 (1) donate the excess to a charity of its choice; or

27 (2) identify in its account book **AND ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS**
28 the amount received from each individual who purchased a **RAFFLE TICKET**, spin, or
29 chance.

30 (d) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

1 13-304.

2 (c) [(1) In this subsection, “eligible contribution” means a contribution or series
3 of contributions made by the same person for which a receipt is not required to be issued
4 under § 13-222 of this title.

5 (2) The requirements of this subsection prevail to the extent of any conflict
6 with § 13-240(b) of this title.

7 (3) Except as provided in [paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection]
8 **§ 13-240(B) OF THIS TITLE**, a political committee shall report the following information
9 on its campaign finance reports for each contribution the committee receives:

10 (i)(1) the amount of each contribution; and

11 (ii)(2) the name and residential address of each contributor,
12 unless a contributor receives a confidentiality waiver from the State Board for a residential
13 address, in which case a suitable alternative address approved by the State Board may be
14 used.

15 [(4) A campaign finance entity of a candidate may report a maximum of a
16 cumulative amount of \$25,000 in eligible contributions in an election cycle on its campaign
17 finance reports without providing the information required under paragraph (3) of this
18 subsection.

19 (5) A political committee may report eligible contributions collected in
20 accordance with § 13-241 or § 13-242 of this title on its campaign finance reports in the
21 manner specified in paragraph (4) of this subsection if the following is included on the
22 political committee’s campaign finance report:

23 (i) a lump sum contribution of the total amount received by the
24 political committee in the form of eligible contributions;

25 (ii) the number of individuals making eligible contributions; and

26 (iii) the average amount of the eligible contributions received by the
27 political committee.]

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
29 1, 2015.