

HOUSE BILL 853

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By: **Delegates Lisanti, Dumais, and Tarlau**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Finance Entities – Disbursements by Debit and Credit**
3 **Cards**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing campaign finance entities to make disbursements by debit
5 and credit cards; making a conforming change; providing for a delayed effective date;
6 and generally relating to disbursements by campaign finance entities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 13–220(d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 13–220.

16 (d) (1) A campaign finance entity may make a disbursement only by:

17 (i) check; [or]

18 **(II) CREDIT CARD;**

19 **(III) DEBIT CARD; OR**

20 **[(ii)] (IV) [an] ANY OTHER** electronic method that the State Board
21 authorizes by regulation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) An electronic method of making a disbursement that the State Board
2 authorizes under this subsection shall ensure that:

3 (i) the identity of the person making the disbursement may be
4 verified;

5 (ii) the transaction is secure; and

6 (iii) there is an adequate record of the transaction.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 January 1, 2017.