

HOUSE BILL 737

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Finance Reports – Bank Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a campaign finance report include bank statements
4 documenting all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign finance entity
5 during the reporting period, with certain information redacted; providing for a
6 delayed effective date; and generally relating to campaign finance reports.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 13–304(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Election Law

14 Section 13–304(b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 13–304.

21 (a) (1) From the date of its organization until its termination under the
22 provisions of this title, a campaign finance entity, except a political club, shall file a
23 campaign finance report at the State Board at the times and for the periods required by §§
24 13–309, 13–312, and 13–316 of this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) A campaign finance report submitted using an electronic format shall:

2 (i) be made under oath or affirmation;

3 (ii) require an electronic signature from the treasurer at the time of
4 the filing of the campaign finance report; and

5 (iii) be made subject to the penalties for perjury.

6 (b) A campaign finance report filed by a campaign finance entity under subsection
7 (a) of this section shall include:

8 (1) the information required by the State Board with respect to all
9 contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign finance
10 entity during the designated reporting period; [and]

11 (2) **BANK STATEMENTS DOCUMENTING ALL EXPENDITURES MADE BY**
12 **OR ON BEHALF OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY DURING THE REPORTING**
13 **PERIOD, WITH ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, INCLUDING BANK**
14 **ACCOUNT NUMBERS, REDACTED; AND**

15 (3) the information regarding the occupations and employers of
16 contributors required to be recorded by the treasurer of a campaign finance entity under §
17 13-221 of this title.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 January 1, 2019.