

HOUSE BILL 759

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By: **Delegate Sydnor**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Finance Entities – Limit on Cash Contributions**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of a contribution of money that can
4 be made by cash to a campaign finance entity during an election cycle; and generally
5 relating to cash contributions to campaign finance entities.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Election Law
8 Section 13–234
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

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14 13–234.

15 (a) A contribution of money may be made only by:

16 (1) check;

17 (2) credit card;

18 (3) cash, if the contribution does not exceed [~~\$100~~] **\$400** in an election
19 cycle; or

20 (4) an electronic method that the State Board authorizes by regulation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (1) the identity of the person making the contribution may be verified;

4 (2) the transaction is secure; and

5 (3) there is an adequate record of the transaction.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2018.