

HOUSE BILL 171

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Campaign Finance Entities – Termination and Filing of Final**
3 **Campaign Finance Report**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a certain provision of law
5 applies requiring a campaign finance entity to terminate and file a final campaign
6 finance report; altering the time period within which a certain campaign finance
7 entity is required to terminate and file a final campaign finance report; and generally
8 relating to the termination of campaign finance entities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 13–310
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 13–310.

18 (a) This section applies to the campaign finance entity of an individual if[:

19 (1)] the individual is not a filed candidate or the incumbent in any office
20 filled by an election under this article[; and

21 (2) the entity has funds remaining after the payment of all outstanding
22 debts and other obligations].

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) A campaign finance entity shall terminate and file a final campaign finance
2 report within 8 years after the [latest] **LATER** of:

3 (1) the end of the individual's most recent term of office; **AND**

4 (2) the date of the election in which the individual last was a filed
5 candidate[; and

6 (3) the payment of the final debt or other obligation of the entity that was
7 incurred in connection with that candidacy].

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2019.