

# HOUSE BILL 210

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By: **Delegates Reilly, Arikan, Cassilly, and Hornberger**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance – Campaign Committee of Deceased Elected Official –**  
3 **Transfer to Appointed Spouse**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that, if an elected official dies in office and the deceased  
5 official's spouse is appointed in accordance with applicable law to succeed the  
6 deceased official in the office, the deceased official's authorized candidate campaign  
7 committee becomes the authorized candidate campaign committee of the appointed  
8 spouse; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the transfer of the  
9 authorized candidate campaign committee of a deceased elected official to the  
10 official's appointed spouse.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Election Law  
13 Section 13–247  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Election Law**

19 13–247.

20 (A) [After] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**  
21 **AFTER** all campaign expenditures have been made and before filing a final campaign  
22 finance report under Subtitle 3 of this title, any remaining balance in the account of a  
23 campaign finance entity shall be returned pro rata to the contributors or paid to:

24 (1) if the campaign finance entity is a political committee formed to support

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 a candidate or act for a political party:

2 (i) the State central committee of the political party:

3 1. of which the candidate is a member; or

4 2. for which the political committee is acting;

5 (ii) the local central committee of the political party:

6 1. of which the candidate is a member in a county in which  
7 the candidate resides or which the candidate seeks to represent; or

8 2. for which the political committee is acting; or

9 (iii) the board of education of a county in which the candidate resides  
10 or which the candidate seeks to represent;

11 (2) a nonprofit organization that provides services or funds for the benefit  
12 of pupils or teachers;

13 (3) a charitable organization registered or exempt from registration under  
14 the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act;

15 (4) the Fair Campaign Financing Fund established under § 15–103 of this  
16 article; or

17 (5) a public or private institution of higher education in the State if:

18 (i) that institution possesses a certificate of approval from the  
19 Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

20 (ii) the payment is designated for use by the institution solely to  
21 award scholarships, grants, or loans to students attending the institution.

22 **(B) IF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL DIES IN OFFICE AND THE DECEASED**  
23 **OFFICIAL’S SPOUSE IS APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW TO**  
24 **SUCCEED THE DECEASED OFFICIAL IN THE OFFICE, THE DECEASED OFFICIAL’S**  
25 **AUTHORIZED CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SHALL BECOME THE AUTHORIZED**  
26 **CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE OF THE APPOINTED SPOUSE.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2019.