

HOUSE BILL 207

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By: **Delegate Vogel**

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Certificate of Candidacy for Congressional Offices – Stock**
3 **Trading Activities**
4 **(Congressional Stock Trading Transparency Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to include the option on the
6 certificate of candidacy form for candidates for congressional offices to indicate that,
7 if elected, the candidate and the candidate's spouse will not engage in certain stock
8 trading activities during the candidate's term of office; requiring the State Board to
9 publish on its website information concerning candidates for congressional offices
10 who make that indication; and generally relating to certificate of candidacy forms for
11 congressional offices.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Election Law
14 Section 5–304(c)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Election Law
19 Section 5–304(d)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Election Law
24 Section 5–304(d) and (e)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Election Law**

4 5–304.

5 (c) On the certificate of candidacy form prescribed by the State Board, the
6 candidate shall specify:

7 (1) the office, including, if applicable, the party, district, and circuit to
8 which the candidacy relates;

9 (2) the year of the election;

10 (3) the name of the individual filing the certificate;

11 (4) the address on the statewide voter registration list or the current
12 address of that individual;

13 (5) a statement that the individual satisfies the requirements of law for
14 candidacy for the office for which the certificate is being filed; and

15 (6) any information requested by the State Board to verify the accuracy of
16 the information provided by the individual under this subsection.

17 (D) (1) **THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FORM SHALL INCLUDE THE**
18 **OPTION FOR A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR OR**
19 **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS TO INDICATE THAT, IF ELECTED, THE CANDIDATE**
20 **AND THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE WILL NOT BUY, SELL, OR EXCHANGE INDIVIDUAL**
21 **STOCKS DURING THE CANDIDATE'S TERM OF OFFICE.**

22 (2) **IF A CANDIDATE MAKES THE INDICATION DESCRIBED IN**
23 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH THAT**
24 **INFORMATION ON THE STATE BOARD'S WEBSITE.**

25 [(d)] (E) The certificate of candidacy shall be accompanied by:

26 (1) a filing fee satisfying the requirements of § 5–401 of this title;

27 (2) a separate form, unless such a form has previously been filed,
28 establishing a campaign finance entity under Title 13 of this article;

29 (3) evidence that the individual has filed:

4 (ii) any other financial disclosure report required by law; and

5 (4) any additional information required by the State Board.

6 [(e)] (F) The appropriate board shall accept the certificate of candidacy if it
7 determines that all requirements are satisfied.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 January 1, 2027.