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By: **Delegate Mireku–North**

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Home Security System Expenses – Campaign Funds and**
3 **Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a campaign finance entity of a member of the General
5 Assembly, under certain circumstances, to make a disbursement from a campaign
6 account to reimburse the member for certain expenses related to a home security
7 system used at the member’s primary place of residence; authorizing a member of
8 the General Assembly who expends personal funds on certain expenses related to a
9 home security system used at the member’s primary place of residence to be
10 reimbursed by the General Assembly; and generally relating to reimbursement for
11 home security system expenses by members of the General Assembly.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Election Law
14 Section 1–101(a) and (w)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Election Law
19 Section 13–218(b)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – Election Law
24 Section 13–220.3
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

27 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – State Government
2 Section 2–1805
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Election Law**

8 1–101.

9 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated unless a
10 different meaning is clearly intended from the context.

11 (w) “Election cycle” means the period that begins on the January 1 that follows a
12 gubernatorial election and continues until the December 31 that is 4 years later.

13 13–218.

14 (b) (1) Assets of a campaign finance entity may be disbursed only:

15 (i) if they have passed through the hands of the treasurer; and

16 (ii) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13–220.3 OF THIS SUBTITLE**, in
17 accordance with the purposes of the entity.

18 (2) Subject to § 13–220(b)(2) and (c) of this subtitle and except as provided
19 in subsection (d) of this section, the treasurer shall approve all disbursements for the
20 campaign finance entity.

21 **13–220.3.**

22 **(A) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL**
23 **ASSEMBLY MAY MAKE A DISBURSEMENT FROM A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO**
24 **REIMBURSE THE MEMBER FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE MEMBER FOR THE**
25 **ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OR UPGRADE OF A HOME SECURITY**
26 **SYSTEM USED AT THE MEMBER’S PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE IF THE MEMBER**
27 **SUBMITS PROOF OF THE COMPLETED WORK DURING THE MEMBER’S TERM OF**
28 **OFFICE.**

29 **(B) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY THAT MAKES A DISBURSEMENT UNDER**
30 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2026.