

SENATE BILL 902

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By: **Senator Brooks**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

Article – Election Law

1–101.

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

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

13–218.

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

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

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

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

13–220.3.

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

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

(1) SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD PROOF OF THE DISBURSEMENT AND THE PROOF OF THE COMPLETED WORK THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY; AND

(2) MAINTAIN A RECEIPT FOR THE DISBURSEMENT.

(C) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY NOT MAKE A DISBURSEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) OF MORE THAN \$1,000 DURING THE MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE;
OR

(2) MORE THAN ONCE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE.

(D) THE STATE BOARD MAY AUDIT A DISBURSEMENT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) A DISBURSEMENT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXPENDITURE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

Article – State Government

2–1805.

(A) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO EXPENDS PERSONAL FUNDS ON THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OR UPGRADE OF A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM USED AT THE MEMBER'S PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE MAY BE REIMBURSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE EXPENDITURE.

(B) TO BE REIMBURSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE MEMBER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROOF OF:

(1) THE EXPENDITURE OF PERSONAL FUNDS; AND

(2) THE WORK THAT WAS COMPLETED.

(C) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT BE REIMBURSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) FOR MORE THAN \$1,000 DURING THE MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE;
OR

(2) MORE THAN ONCE DURING THE MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE.

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