

4. House Bill 603 also amends Section 26-14 of Article 33 by removing all present language of 26-14(a) (b) and (c). Although Senate Bill 456, Chapter 341, does not amend Section 26-14 in the identical manner its provisions are essentially the same as Section 26-14(b) and (c) of House Bill 603.

Section 26-14(a) of House Bill 603 would be burdensome to election offices as well as the treasurers referred to in paragraph 3, as election offices would be required to retain financial records for anywhere from 3 to 16 years. Some County offices do not have adequate space for such retention.

5. Senate Bill 456, Chapter 341, requires that financial reports shall be filed until there is a zero balance. House Bill 603 does nothing to amend the financial reporting schedule.
6. House Bill 603 has an effective date of July 1, 1974.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Willard A. Morris  
Administrator

Letter from State Law Department on House Bill 603

April 29, 1974.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 456  
House Bill 603

Dear Governor Mandel:

Senate Bill 456 repeals and re-enacts Sections 26-11, 26-13 and 26-14 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. House Bill 603, in turn, repeals and re-enacts Section 26-7 (a) of Article 33 and repeals Section 26-14 and enacts a new Section 26-14. All of the affected Sections constitute a part of the Maryland law on fair election practices.

Of the two bills, Senate Bill 456 contains a far broader range of substantive changes dealing with various of the requirements for reporting campaign contributions