

(House Bill 71)

AN ACT concerning

Filing Fees For Elections - Indigency

FOR the purpose of providing for the waiver of any filing fee required by Article 33 if the candidate establishes his inability to pay the required fee by filing, with his certificate of candidacy, certain documents which establish the candidate's financial status [[and the seriousness of his candidacy]]; and; providing for an investigation of the candidate's financial status if the circumstances warrant an investigation~~[[; providing for the form of the petition required; and establishing certain provisions for those who seek a nomination by means of petition]]~~.

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 4A-6(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 4A-6(g) be and it is hereby added to Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

4A-6.

(G) (1) EACH FILING FEE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION OR BY SECTION 7-1 IS MANDATORY UNLESS THE CANDIDATE ESTABLISHES HIS INABILITY TO PAY THE FEE. THE FEE SHALL BE WAIVED IF THE CANDIDATE ESTABLISHES HIS INABILITY TO PAY [[AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF HIS CANDIDACY]] BY ATTACHING TO THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF FILING THE CERTIFICATE, A SWORN STATEMENT OF INABILITY TO PAY WHICH SHALL SET FORTH THE NATURE, EXTENT AND LIQUIDITY OF THE CANDIDATE'S ASSETS AND THE DISPOSABLE NET INCOME OF THE CANDIDATE. THE BOARD WITH WHICH THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IS FILED MAY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S FINANCIAL STATUS IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SO WARRANT. [[THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

(I) A SWORN STATEMENT OF INABILITY TO PAY