

CHAPTER 487

(House Bill 1353)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Candidate Financial Statement Reports

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of political contributions a candidate can receive without filing an itemized statement of contributions and expenditures; and generally relating to financial statement reporting requirements for political candidates; and providing for a delayed effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 26-11(a)(9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

26-11.

(a) A candidate for nomination or election to public or party office, including write-in candidates, and the treasurer designated by that candidate shall file the report or statement of contributions and expenditures as prescribed in accordance with § 26-12 of this article with the board at which the candidate filed his certificate of candidacy. All reports or statements of contributions and expenditures shall be filed in duplicate except those filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Election reports as specified below are required by all candidates for public or party office whether or not the candidate's name appears on the primary ballot, or the candidate withdraws subsequent to filing his certificate of candidacy, or the candidate is unsuccessful in the election. Each report filed shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination or election by the candidate himself or, with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or groups of persons, which shall be complete, except as otherwise provided in this section through and including the seventh day immediately preceding the day by which that report is to be filed. The initial report filed shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which he is a candidate. Each subsequent report shall contain