

FOR the purpose of requiring a ballot issue committee to file a report both before and after certain elections; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the campaign finance reporting requirements for ballot issue committees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

Section 13-309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Election Law

13-309.

(a) Subject to other provisions of this subtitle, a campaign finance entity shall file campaign finance reports as follows:

(1) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the fourth Tuesday immediately preceding a primary election;

(2) except for a ballot issue committee, on or before the second Friday immediately preceding [an] A PRIMARY election;

(3) ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A GENERAL ELECTION; and

[(3)] (4) on or before the third Tuesday after a general election.

(b) (1) This subsection does not apply to a continuing political committee.

(2) A campaign finance entity is subject to subsection (a) of this section and this subsection only as to the election for which the entity was formed.

(3) In addition to the campaign finance reports required under subsection (a) of this section, but subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a campaign finance entity shall file campaign finance reports on the third Wednesday in January.

(4) If a campaign finance entity has neither a cash balance nor an outstanding obligation at the end of a reporting period, a campaign finance report for that period, clearly marked as "final", shall be filed on or before the due date, and no further report is required.

(c) In addition to the campaign reports required under subsection (a) of this section, a continuing political committee shall file a campaign finance report on the third Wednesday in January of each year the committee is in existence.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health