

**CHAPTER 363****(House Bill 1183)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Laws – Filing Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reports**

FOR the purpose of altering certain contribution and expenditure reporting requirements of certain candidates, committees, and their treasurers; requiring certain candidates, committees, and their treasurers to file reports or statements of contributions and expenditures with the local election board of the county or Baltimore City where the candidates reside; and generally relating to campaign contributions and expenditures of candidates for nomination or election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 26–11

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 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 all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report is filed. Even if no contributions or expenditures have been made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report was filed, a statement to that effect must be filed on the forms prescribed pursuant to § 26–12 of this article under the circumstances and at the times specified in this section. The initial and subsequent reports shall be consecutively filed as follows: