

State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 128.

This bill changes the requirements for reporting campaign contributions made by persons doing business with the State or local governments. Specifically, the bill requires each person who does business with the State or a local government to file a contribution report if the person made contributions in excess of \$500 to a candidate for a State or local office during the reporting period. Currently, the reporting requirement only applies to contributions in excess of \$100. The bill also changes the definition of "business" for purposes of disclosure to mean sales, purchases, leases, or contracts involving consideration of at least \$100,000.

House Bill 6, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 128.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 128

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws – Reporting of Contributions by Persons Doing Business with State or Local Government

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for reporting certain campaign contributions made by certain persons doing business with State or local government; transferring from the Secretary of State to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws the authority to collect and monitor campaign contribution data reported by persons doing business with State or local government; requiring semiannual reports under specified circumstances; repealing a certain obsolete provision; providing notice to contractors of the reporting requirements; and generally relating to the reporting of certain campaign contributions made by certain persons doing business with State or local government.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 33 – Election Code
Section 30-1, 30-2, 30-3, and 30-4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement