

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1.

This bill provides for changes in campaign finance laws and ethics laws, including certain prohibitions regarding lobbying activities. The bill also requires that all campaign finance reports filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL) be submitted and maintained in an electronic storage format, beginning with the reports due in November 1999. However, reports of statewide candidates and their political committees must be filed electronically beginning with the November 1997 reports. In addition, the bill increases the statute of limitations for violations of the Fair Election Practices Act from two to three years.

Senate Bill 127, 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 House Bill 1.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 1**

AN ACT concerning

~~**Election Laws - Campaign Fund-Raising Reports - Computerization**~~

*Campaign Finance and Ethics Law - Fund-Raising, Disclosure, and Enforcement*

~~FOR the purpose of requiring that certain campaign finance reports be submitted to and maintained by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws in an electronic medium; requiring the State Board to provide certain materials to persons required to file certain campaign fund reports and authorizing the State Board to charge reasonable fees for the materials; requiring the State Board to make the campaign finance report information that it maintains in an electronic medium easily accessible to the public the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to develop and implement a plan for the filing and maintenance in an electronic medium of certain campaign finance reports; specifying certain criteria and features for the plan; requiring the State Board periodically to submit certain reports to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly regarding the~~