

CHAPTER 17

(Senate Bill 63)

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws - Campaign Finance Reports - Timely Receipt

FOR the purpose of providing that a campaign finance report received within a certain number of days after the report due date by the State or local election board is considered timely if certain verification is provided by certain private postal services that the report was mailed on or before the filing deadline; and generally relating to timely receipt of campaign finance reports.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 13-401(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

13-401.

(g) (1) Any report RECEIVED AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE shall be considered timely [if it is mailed on or before the filing deadline, regardless of when it is actually received, if the United States Postal Service has provided verification of that fact by affixing a mark so indicating on either the envelope or any receipt therefor]:

(I) REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS RECEIVED, IF A UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMARK OR RECEIPT VERIFIES THAT THE REPORT WAS MAILED ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE; OR

(II) IF IT IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL BOARD WITHIN 3 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE AND A PRIVATE POSTAL METER POSTMARK OR RECEIPT BY A PRIVATE CARRIER VERIFIES THAT THE REPORT WAS MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE PRIVATE CARRIER ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE.

(2) Unless a report is mailed, the boards and the State Board shall provide a receipt for each report received.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 10, 2001.