

accessible to the public, utilizing any existing public or private systems for data dissemination, and on terms that the State Board considers consistent with the purposes and requirements of this article.

(e) The State Board may:

(1) ~~REFUSE~~ to accept or process any campaign finance report that is incomplete or not submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section; AND

(2) EXEMPT CANDIDATES, PERSONAL TREASURER ACCOUNTS, AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES WITH DE MINIMIS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FROM SUBMITTING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN AN ELECTRONIC STORAGE FORMAT.

(f) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall:

(1) Develop specifications for the submission of campaign finance reports in an electronic storage format; and

(2) Adopt regulations necessary to implement the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

13-402.

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SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 1999, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 585 (S.B. 118/H.B. 127) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998, and if Chapter 585 does not become effective, Section 2 shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

Approved May 12, 1998.