

HOUSE BILL 848

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By: **Delegate McDonough**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Campaign Finance Entities – Transfer Limits and Termination**

3 FOR the purpose of making a certain limit on monetary transfers between campaign
4 finance entities applicable to transfers between a slate and the campaign
5 finance entities of the members of the slate; repealing an exemption to a certain
6 limit on monetary transfers between a slate and the campaign finance entities
7 of the members of the slate; altering the number of years after which a
8 campaign finance entity is required to terminate and file a certain report under
9 certain circumstances; and generally relating to campaign finance entities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 13–227 and 13–310
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 13–227.

19 (a) In this section, a “campaign finance entity” includes a nonfederal
20 out-of-state political committee.

21 (b) **THE LIMIT ON TRANSFERS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS**
22 **SECTION DOES APPLY TO A TRANSFER:**

23 **(1) FROM A SLATE TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A**
24 **MEMBER OF THE SLATE; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) FROM A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE TO A**
2 **SLATE OF WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS A MEMBER.**

3 **(C) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**
4 **THE** limit on transfers set forth in subsection **[(c)] (D)** of this section does not apply to
5 a transfer:

6 (1) by a campaign finance entity to a ballot issue committee;

7 (2) between or among:

8 (i) political committees that are State or local central
9 committees of the same political party; **AND**

10 (ii) [a slate and the campaign finance entities of its members;
11 and

12 (iii)] the campaign finance entities of a candidate.

13 **[(c)] (D)** During an election cycle, a campaign finance entity may not
14 directly or indirectly make transfers in a cumulative amount of more than \$6,000 to
15 any one other campaign finance entity.

16 **[(d)] (E)** (1) All affiliated campaign finance entities are treated as a
17 single entity in determining:

18 (i) the amount of transfers made by a campaign finance entity;
19 and

20 (ii) the amount of transfers received by a campaign finance
21 entity.

22 (2) Campaign finance entities are deemed to be affiliated if they:

23 (i) are organized and operated in coordination and cooperation
24 with each other; or

25 (ii) otherwise conduct their operations and make their decisions
26 relating to transfers and other contributions under the control of the same individual
27 or entity.

28 **[(e)] (F)** The limit on transfers to the campaign finance entities of a
29 candidate prescribed in subsection **[(c)] (D)** of this section applies regardless of the
30 number of offices sought by the candidate.

1 (a) This section applies to the campaign finance entity of an individual if:

2 (1) the individual is not a filed candidate or the incumbent in any
3 office filled by an election under this article; and

4 (2) the entity has funds remaining after the payment of all
5 outstanding debts and other obligations.

6 (b) A campaign finance entity shall terminate and file a final campaign
7 finance report within ~~[8]~~ 4 years after the latest of:

8 (1) the end of the individual's most recent term of office;

9 (2) the date of the election in which the individual last was a filed
10 candidate; and

11 (3) the payment of the final debt or other obligation of the entity that
12 was incurred in connection with that candidacy.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2010.