



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 645

LCO No. 4450

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF CERTAIN
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-348ee of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

4 (b) On and after January 1, [1999] 2004, the campaign treasurer of
5 the candidate committee for each candidate for nomination or election
6 to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
7 State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State who raises
8 or spends [two hundred] fifty thousand dollars or more during an
9 election campaign shall file in electronic form all financial disclosure
10 statements required by said section 9-333j by either transmitting disks,
11 tapes or other electronic storage media containing the contents of such
12 statements to the office of the Secretary of the State or transmitting the
13 statements on-line to said office. Each such campaign treasurer shall
14 use, for all such statements, either (1) a software program created by
15 the Secretary of the State under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this

16 section, [for all such statements filed on or after January 1, 1999,] or (2)
17 another software program which provides for the standard reporting
18 format, and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by
19 the secretary under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. [,
20 for all such statements filed on or after July 1, 1999.] The office of the
21 Secretary of the State shall accept any statement that uses any such
22 software program. Once any such candidate committee has raised or
23 spent [two hundred] fifty thousand dollars or more during an election
24 campaign, all previously filed statements required by said section 9-
25 333j, which were not filed in electronic form shall be refiled in such
26 form, using such a software program, not later than the date on which
27 the campaign treasurer of the committee is required to file the next
28 regular statement under said section 9-333j.

29 (c) [On and after January 1, 1999, (1) the] The campaign treasurer of
30 the candidate committee for any [other] candidate, as defined in
31 section 9-333a, who is required to file the financial disclosure
32 statements required by section 9-333j with the office of the Secretary of
33 the State but is not required to file such statements in electronic form
34 under subsection (b) of this section and [(2)] the campaign treasurer of
35 any political committee or party committee, may file such statements
36 in electronic form. [any financial disclosure statements required by
37 said section 9-333j.] Such filings may be made by either transmitting
38 disks, tapes or other electronic storage media containing the contents
39 of such statements to the proper authority under section 9-333e or
40 transmitting the statements on-line to such proper authority. Each such
41 campaign treasurer shall use, for all such statements filed in electronic
42 form, either [(A)] (1) a software program created by the Secretary of
43 the State under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, [for all
44 such statements filed in electronic form on or after January 1, 1999, or
45 (B)] or (2) another software program which provides for the standard
46 reporting format, and complies with the specifications, which are
47 prescribed by the secretary under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
48 this section. [, for all such statements filed in electronic form on or after
49 July 1, 1999.] The proper authority under section 9-333e shall accept

50 any statement that uses any such software program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	January 1, 2004

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the threshold for the required electronic filing of campaign finance reports by candidates for state-wide office.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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