

**Government Administration and Elections Committee  
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5523

AN ACT CONCERNING DEPOSITS OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN CANDIDATE

**Title:** COMMITTEES' DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/23/2018

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/19/2018

**File No.:** 455

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

The bill makes allows a candidate to deposit contributions in the candidate committee's depository account if the treasurer and deputy treasurer of the candidate committee are not available.

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

**In Subsec. (a)(1), "which" was changed to "[which] that" for proper grammar and in Subsec. (a)(2), the language was changed for consistency with the definition of "candidate committee" in Section 9-601(4) of the general statutes and with other provisions of the bill.**

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Michael Brandi, Executive Director and General Counsel, State Elections Enforcement Commission**

Mr. Brandi notes that there is, "often a blurring of the lines between the duties between a candidate and his or her treasurer." He argues that ideally, since the treasurer has more liability then the candidate for properly following campaign finance law that they should be the gatekeeper of the committee's funds and the depository account. He urges the Committee to carefully consider giving more than one person in control of the checkbook for convenience sake, especially with the use of public funds and presence of expenditure limits in the CEP.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Expressed.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

**Reported by: Susan Tufts**

**Date: 4/12/18**