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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 827

(Delegate Summers, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Municipal Elections - Campaign Finance Reports - Submission of Copies to the  
State Board of Elections

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This bill requires a candidate in a municipal election to submit to the State Board of Elections (SBE) a copy of a campaign finance report filed with the municipality within 10 days after the filing deadline. This requirement only applies in municipalities that require candidates in a municipal election to file campaign finance reports.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not affect municipal finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** State campaign finance laws, which are administered by SBE, regulate various aspects of campaign finance activity in the State, including actions of candidates and campaign finance entities (through which all campaign finance activity generally must be conducted) and the extent to which individuals and entities can contribute to campaigns.

State campaign finance law generally applies to each election conducted under State election law, but does not apply to campaign finance activity governed solely by federal

law. State election law governs State, county, and Baltimore City elections, but generally does not govern municipal elections other than those in Baltimore City.

The Maryland Municipal League advises that a relatively small number of municipalities require candidates to file campaign finance reports.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections; Kent, Washington, and Worcester counties; Baltimore City; cities of Frederick and Havre de Grace; Maryland Municipal League; Department of Legislative Services

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