

HOUSE BILL 375

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By: **Delegates Washington, Charles, and Ivey**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance Entities – Officers – Repeal of Voter Registration**
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that each chairman, treasurer, and
5 campaign manager of a campaign finance entity be a registered voter of the State;
6 making conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
7 relating to qualifications for serving as the chairman, treasurer, or campaign
8 manager of a campaign finance entity.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 13–215
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 13–215.

18 [(a) Each chairman, treasurer, and campaign manager shall be a registered voter
19 of the State.]

20 [(b)] (A) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a candidate may not
21 act:

22 (i) as the treasurer of a campaign finance entity of the candidate; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) with respect to any other campaign finance entity:

2 1. as the campaign manager or treasurer; or

3 2. in any other position that exercises general overall
4 responsibility for the conduct of the entity.

5 (2) (i) An incumbent member of a central committee who is a candidate
6 for election to party office may act as the treasurer of that central committee.

7 (ii) With respect to any campaign finance entity other than the
8 candidate's own campaign finance entity, a candidate for delegate to the Democratic
9 National Convention or a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention
10 may act:

11 1. as the campaign manager or treasurer; or

12 2. in any other position that exercises general overall
13 responsibility for the conduct of the entity.

14 [(c)] (B) Subject to subsection [(b)] (A) of this section, the chairman, treasurer,
15 or campaign manager of a campaign finance entity may serve as the chairman, treasurer,
16 or campaign manager of another campaign finance entity.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 January 1, 2021.