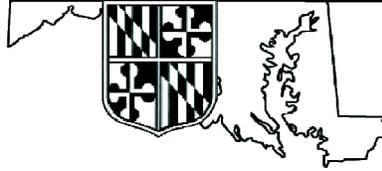


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Annapolis, Maryland (May 28, 2008) – With the signing of Senate Bill 755 into law (Chapter 620 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008), a person, a corporation, union, non-profit corporation, partnership, LLC, or other entity must notify the State Board of Elections (SBE) within 7 days of making cumulative expenditures greater than \$10,000 in support or opposition to the November referendum on Chapter 5 (House Bill 4) of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2007 (slot machine gaming referendum). The following information should be included when notifying SBE:

- The name of the person or entity;
- The name of the individual who directs the expenditures and who assumes the responsibility for filing the campaign finance reports;
- The address of the person or entity; and
- A declaration on whether the expenditures are to support or oppose the constitutional amendment.

Once a person, a corporation, union, non-profit corporation, partnership, LLC or other entity registers with SBE, they are **required** to electronically file campaign finance reports detailing all of the expenditures incurred by that person or entity associated with the Constitutional Amendment. Expenditure means any gift, transfer, disbursement, or promise of money or thing of value by the person to promote the success or defeat of the Constitutional Amendment. The campaign finance reports are due:

- October 10, 2008;
- October 24, 2008; and
- November 25, 2008.

If the person, a corporation, union, non-profit corporation, partnership, LLC or other entity fails to file the campaign finance reports on or before the reporting deadline, the named individual responsible for the filing will be held personally liable and assessed a late fee fine of \$20 per day for the first six days and then \$10 per day up to the maximum penalty of \$250.00.

For more information, forms and electronic expenditure reporting software, please visit our website at:

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