

Expedited Bill No. 31-17
Concerning: Elections – Public Campaign
Financing – Contributions –
Amendments
Revised: September 19, 2017 Draft No. 1
Introduced: October 3, 2017
Enacted: November 7, 2017
Executive: November 16, 2017
Effective: November 16, 2017
Sunset Date: None
Ch. 33, Laws of Mont. Co. 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Navarro, Katz and Council Vice President Riemer

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) increase the amount of money an applicant candidate who is not married can donate or loan the candidate's campaign to match the amount permitted for a candidate who is married; and
- (2) generally amend the public campaign financing law governing eligible contributions.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 16, Elections
Section 16-20

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 16-20 is amended as follows:**

2 **16-20. Collecting qualifying contributions.**

3 (a) Before raising any contribution governed by this Article, an applicant
4 candidate must:

5 (1) file notice of intent with the Board on or before April 15 of the year
6 of the election on a form prescribed by the Board; and

7 (2) establish a publicly funded campaign account for the candidate for
8 the purpose of receiving eligible contributions and spending funds
9 in accordance with this Article.

10 (b) Other than a contribution from an applicant candidate or the candidate's
11 spouse, an applicant candidate must not accept an eligible contribution
12 from an individual greater than \$150.

13 (c) An applicant candidate must not accept a loan from anyone other than the
14 candidate or the candidate's spouse. An applicant candidate [or] and the
15 candidate's spouse together must not contribute or lend a combined total
16 of more than [~~\$6000 each~~] \$12,000 to the candidate's publicly funded
17 campaign account.

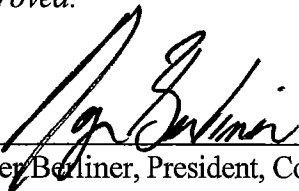
18 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Consumer Price Index adjustment. The Chief Administrative
19 Officer must adjust the contribution limit established in Subsection (b),
20 effective July 1, 2018, and July 1 of each subsequent fourth year, by the
21 annual average increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for the
22 previous 4 calendar years. The Chief Administrative Officer must
23 calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of 10 dollars, and must
24 publish the amount of this adjustment not later than March 1 of each
25 fourth year.

26 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

27 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate

28 protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes
29 law.

Approved:

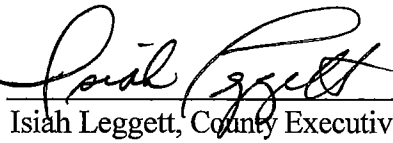


Roger Berliner, President, County Council

11/9/2017

Date

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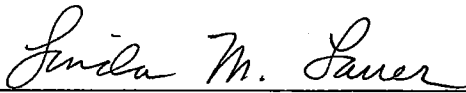


Isiah Leggett, County Executive

11/14/17

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

11/21/17

Date