

Expedited Bill No. 45-21  
Concerning: Elections – Public Campaign  
Financing - Restrictions  
Revised: 2/8/2022 Draft No. 3  
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Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Glass, Katz, and Riemer, and Council Vice-President Albornoz  
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Navarro and Rice and Council President Hucker

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**AN EXPEDITED ACT** to:

- (1) permit applicant candidates and participating candidates to accept certain in-kind contributions from a state or County central committee of a political party; and
- (2) generally amend campaign finance law.

By mending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 16, Elections  
Section 16-26

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
<b>[Single boldface brackets]</b>	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
<b>[[Double boldface brackets]]</b>	<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 16-26 is amended as follows:**

2   **16-26. Applicant and participating candidate restrictions.**

3           An applicant candidate or a participating candidate must not:

- 4           (a)     accept a private contribution from any group or organization, including a  
5                   political action committee, a corporation, a labor organization, or a State  
6                   or local central committee of a political party, except that an applicant  
7                   candidate or a participating candidate may, subject to subsection (h),  
8                   accept [[an]] in-kind contributions [[contribution equal to or less than  
9                   \$10,000]] from a State [[or]] central committee of a political party, and  
10                  from a Montgomery County central committee of a political party;
- 11           (b)     accept private contributions from an individual in an aggregate greater  
12                   than \$150 during a 4-year election cycle, or the maximum amount of an  
13                   eligible contribution, as adjusted by Section 16-23(i);
- 14           (c)     pay for any campaign expense after filing a notice of intent with the Board  
15                   to seek public funding with any campaign finance account other than the  
16                   candidate's publicly funded campaign account;
- 17           (d)     be a member of a slate in any election in which the candidate receives a  
18                   public contribution;
- 19           (e)     accept a loan from anyone other than the candidate or the candidate's  
20                   spouse; [or]
- 21           (f)     solicit funds for a State or a Montgomery County central committee of a  
22                   political party; or
- 23           (g)     transfer funds:
- 24                   (1)     to the candidate's publicly funded campaign account from any  
25                   other campaign finance entity established for the candidate; and

26 (2) from the candidate's publicly funded campaign account to any  
27 other campaign finance entity.

28 (h) *Limitations on In-Kind Contributions.*

29 (1) An applicant candidate or a participating candidate may accept in-  
30 kind contributions from a State central committee of a political  
31 party if:

32 (A) the total amount of in-kind contributions from the central  
33 committee per election cycle are equal to or less than  
34 \$10,000; and

35 (B) the funds used by the central committee to make an in-kind  
36 contribution derive from individual contributions that do  
37 not exceed the public contribution limits established  
38 under Section 16-23.

39 (2) An applicant candidate or a participating candidate may accept in-  
40 kind contributions from a Montgomery County central committee  
41 of a political party if:

42 (A) the total amount of in-kind contributions from the central  
43 committee per election cycle are equal to or less than  
44 \$10,000; and

45 (B) the funds used by the central committee to make an in-kind  
46 contribution derive from individual contributions that do  
47 not exceed the public contribution limits established  
48 under Section 16-23.

49 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation  
50 is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect  
51 on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved:

	2/16/2022
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Gabriel Albornoz, President, County Council	Date

Approved:

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Marc Elrich, County Executive	Date
<i>This is a correct copy of Council action.</i>	

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council	Date