



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/7/2018

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CB-004-2018

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Lehman, Franklin, Patterson and Taveras

Sponsor(s): Lehman, Franklin, Patterson and Taveras

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING for the purpose of establishing a Fair Election Fund to provide public campaign financing for a candidate for a County elective office; regulating certain campaign finance activity of a candidate for County elective office who voluntarily accepts public campaign financing; authorizing the Maryland State Board of Elections to administer and enforce the public campaign financing system; and providing for penalties for violations of the public campaign financing system.

Drafter: Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Bridget Warren, Chief of Staff/Legislative Aide, District 1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
01/30/2018	County Council	presented and referred	PSFM
	Action Text:		
	This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Lehman, Franklin, Patterson and Taveras and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee		
03/08/2018	PSFM	Discussion held	
	Action Text:		
	This Council Bill was Discussion held		
06/07/2018	PSFM	Briefing held	
	Action Text:		
	This Council Bill was Briefing held		
09/25/2018	County Council	discharged from Committee	
	Action Text:		
	A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that this Council Bill be discharged from Committee. The motion failed by the following vote:		
	Aye: 5 Franklin, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras and Toles		
	Nay: 4 Glaros, Davis, Harrison and Turner		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013 (Chapter 419, 2013 Laws of Maryland) authorizes the governing body of a county to establish by law a public campaign finance system for the election of County Executive and County Council. The proposed legislation would implement this authority by establishing a public campaign finance system for the election of County Executive and County Council. The goal of the bill is to encourage greater voter participation in County elections, increase opportunities for more residents to run for office, and reduce the influence of large contributions from businesses, political action groups, and other large organizations. Montgomery County and Howard County enacted public campaign financing legislation in 2014 and 2016 respectively.

THIS BILL WAS NOT ENACTED

Document(s): B2018004, CB-4-2018 AIS, Donor Diversity Report - WEB, Effingham Testimony Common Cause, Faces of Public Financing, PG_PSFM_Briefing_DRAFT_Mar6, Zdanys Testimony 3-8-2018, Title 33 - Maryland State Board of Elections, Progressive Maryland - Testimony - CB-4-2018, Maryland PIRG - Testimony - CB-4-2018, Fair Elections for Briefing CB-4 - 3