



Howard County Government

CB30-2017

Primary Information

Title: AN ACT establishing a voluntary Citizens' Election Fund system for candidates for County Executive or County Council; regulating specified campaign finance activities of a candidate who accepts public funding; providing for the administration and enforcement of specified aspects of the Citizens' Election Fund system; providing certain penalties for violations of the Citizens' Election Fund system; creating a Citizens' Election Fund Commission and specifying its composition and duties; requiring the Director of Finance to take specified actions; and generally related to elections for County offices.

Short Title: County Executive - County Council - Citizens' Election Fund system.

Category: General

Primary Sponsors: Jon Weinstein, Jen Terrasa

Secondary Sponsors:

Status: Passed as Amended

Date Signed: 6/5/2017

Date Enacted: 9/2/2017

Date Vetoed: 6/13/2017

Date Veto Overridden: 7/3/2017



Amendments

Amendment 1

Amendment Date: 05/01/2017

Legislative Day: 7

Comments: (This amendment clarifies what is voluntary and describes the funding sources for the System.)

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment clarifies what is voluntary and describes the funding sources for the System.)

On the title page, in the purpose paragraph:

- in the first line, strike “voluntary”.
- in the third line, after “who” insert “voluntarily”.
- also in the third line, after “funding;”, insert “providing for funding sources such as tax dollars, donations and fines;”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No



Amendment 2

Amendment Date: 05/01/2017

Legislative Day: 7

Comments: (This amendment makes technical corrections.)

Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 2

(This amendment makes technical corrections.)

On page 3, in line 16, strike one of the quotation marks preceding “has”.

On page 5, in line 7, strike the space preceding the period.

On page 7, in line 20, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed as Amended

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Amendment 3

Amendment Date: 05/01/2017

Legislative Day: 7

Comments: (This amendment removes governmental appropriations as a component of the Fund and removes the requirement that the County Executive include a certain amount in the Budget.)

Amendment 3 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 3

(This amendment removes governmental appropriations as a component of the Fund and removes the requirement that the County Executive include a certain amount in the Budget.)

On page 7:

- Strike line 14 in its entirety. Renumber the subsection accordingly.
- Strike lines 21 through 23 in their entirety.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No

Amendment 4

Amendment Date: 05/01/2017

Legislative Day: 7



Comments: (This amendment prohibits contributions from those who are not County residents and deletes a redundant figure.)

Amendment 4 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 4

(This amendment prohibits contributions from those who are not County residents and deletes a redundant figure.)

On page 12,

- beginning in line 7 down through line 8, strike “in an aggregate amount greater than \$250 during an election cycle, or” and substitute:

“that is not a County resident;

(3) Accept private contributions from an County resident greater than”;

- in line 22:
 - strike “except”;
 - after “participating” insert “or non-participating”; and
 - strike “if the”; and
- in line 23, strike “expenses are shared equally among the coordinating candidates”.

Renumber the rest of the subsection accordingly.



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Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

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Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No



Amendment 5

Amendment Date: 05/01/2017

Legislative Day: 7

Comments: (This amendment prohibits coordination with organizations.)

Amendment 5 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 5

(This amendment prohibits coordination with organizations.)

On page 12:

- in line 21, strike “or”.
- In line 23, before the period, insert “; or”

(9) coordinate expenses with any organization, including, but not limited to PACs, political clubs, unions, business entities or central committees”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No



Amendment 6

Amendment Date: 05/01/2017

Legislative Day: 7

Comments: (This amendment alters when the System takes effect.)

Amendment 6 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 6

(This amendment alters when the System takes effect.)

On the title page, in the purpose paragraph, in the last line, after “actions;” insert “establishing when the Citizen Election Fund system will begin.”

On page 14, in line 19, strike “*for the 2022 election cycle*” and substitute “*for the first election for which a non-partisan Councilmanic redistricting commission will be establishing the Councilmanic districts*”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No

Amendment 7

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9



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Comments: (This amendment provides for a voluntary donation to the Fund, clarifies that a County resident must be a human being and not a corporation or other kind of entity, provides for staggered terms, clarifies when the determination of a contested election is made, requires the Department of Finance to administer the system and provide information, clarifies when disbursements may not be made because an election is not contested, provides that members of the Commission must be registered voters, clar

Amendment 7 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and Legislative Day No. 9

Jon Weinstein Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 7

(This amendment provides for a voluntary donation to the Fund, clarifies that a County resident must be a human being and not a corporation or other kind of entity, provides for staggered terms, clarifies when the determination of a contested election is made, requires the Department of Finance to administer the system and provide information, clarifies when disbursements may not be made because an election is not contested, provides that members of the Commission must be registered voters, clarifies the information that must be included in campaign finance reports, sets a minimum meeting schedule for the Commission, and adds a candidate's adult children to those whose contributions or loans are subject to a separate cap)

On the title page, in last line of the purpose paragraph after the semicolon, insert: "providing for a certain voluntary contribution to the Fund:".

On page 2, after line 18, insert:

"By amending:

Title 20 - Taxes, charges and fees.

Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.

Section 20.605(d) - Billing.

By adding:

Title 22 - General Provisions.

Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.

Section 22.807 - Citizens' Election Fund System - Donations."

On page 3, after line 13, insert:

"(k) "County resident" means a natural person who resides in Howard County."

Renumber the rest of the section accordingly.



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On page 5, in line 5 after “(ii)”, insert

“a child who is at least 18 years old;

(iii)”.

Renumber accordingly in lines 6 and 7.

Also on page 5, strike line 30 and substitute “(ii) a campaign finance report that contains the information that the State Board requires for a campaign finance report and that includes, but is not limited to:”.

On page 8:

- in line 6, after “August” insert “preceding the election”.
- in line 8, strike “uncontested”.
- also in line 8, after “election” insert “in which the candidate is the sole individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for that office”.

On page 13:

- after line 12, insert:

“(5) A member shall be a registered voter.”

- in line 14, strike the third instance of “the” and after “May 1” insert a period.
- in line 15, before “during” insert “The term of a member of the Commission nominated by the County Executive begins”.
- also in line 15, after the period, insert “The term of a member of the Commission nominated by a member of the County Council begins during the third year of a County Council term.”
- insert after line 17:
“(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, to create staggered terms, the terms of the initial members of the Commission who are nominated by a member of the County Council shall be 6 years and shall begin on the May 1, 2019.”

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- after line 28, insert:

“(3) The Commission shall meet :

(i) at least once every 90 days during the 12 months preceding a primary election; and

(ii) at least twice a year otherwise.”



- at the end of line 30, before the period, insert:

“to:

- (1) work with the State Board of Elections to administer the system; and
- (2) ..provide information about the system to candidates and the public”.

On page 14, after line 9, insert:

“Title 20 - Taxes, charges and fees.

Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.

20.605. - Utility service charges.

(d) Billing.

(1) The water, reclaimed water, and sewer service charges shall be billed by the Department of Finance and shall be billed quarterly unless otherwise stipulated by the Director of Finance. Penalties for late payment of such charges shall be made in accordance with section 20.316 of this subtitle. If only a portion of the service charge revenues are used to cover operation and maintenance costs of the water system, reclaimed water system, or public sewer system, the amount of the service charge dedicated to operation and maintenance costs shall be indicated on each bill.

(2) The Department of Finance shall include on each bill a checkbox that, when checked by the bill payer, adds a \$ 3 contribution for the Citizens' Election Fund. The Department of Finance shall deposit the money collected because of the check-off into the Citizens' Election Fund required by section 907 of the Howard County Charter.

Title 22 - General Provisions.

Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.

Section 22.807. - Citizens' Election Fund System - Donations.

(A) The facilitator shall ensure that the County website includes a mechanism to accept donations to the Citizens' Election Fund.

(B) The mechanism shall be prominently located on each appropriate County web page.”.



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Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Jen Terrasa

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Amendment 8

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: (This amendment alters the public contribution cap.)

Amendment 8 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and Legislative Day No. 9

Jon Weinstein Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 8

(This amendment alters the public contribution cap.)

On page 9:

- in line 13, strike “\$750,000” and substitute “\$700,000”; and
- in line 14, strike “\$95,000” and substitute “\$85,000”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Calvin Ball

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Amendment 9

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9



Comments:

(This amendment deals with expenditures prior to participation in the system.)

Amendment 9 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and Legislative Day No. 9

Jon Weinstein Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 9

(This amendment deals with expenditures prior to participation in the system.)

On page 10, after line 29, insert:

“(3)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection, the Director shall reduce the public contribution to a participating candidate’s citizen funded campaign account by the total amount of all expenditures made after the end of the previous election cycle from the candidate’s non-participating campaign account.

(ii) Expenditures made towards debts accrued before the end of the previous election cycle shall not reduce the public contribution to a participating candidate’s citizen funded campaign account.”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed as Amended

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Jen Terrasa

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Amendment 10

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: (This amendment changes the interest rate for public contributions that must be repaid to the Fund.)

Amendment 10 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa Legislative Day No. 9

Jon Weinstein Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 10

(This amendment changes the interest rate for public contributions that must be repaid to the Fund.)

On page 11, beginning in line 18, strike “that imposed” down through “County Code” in line 19 and substitute “the current bank prime loan rate as reported by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Jen Terrasa

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Amendment 1 to Amendment 2

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: (This technical amendment removes a redundancy.)

Amendment 1 Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa Legislative Day No. 9

Jon Weinstein Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 1

(This technical amendment removes a redundancy.)

After line 1 insert:

“On page 4, in line 27, strike “from an individual”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Greg Fox

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Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



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Amendment 1 to Amendment 7

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: who has legal status

on page 1 add "and who has legal status"

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action:

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : No second to the motion



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Amendment 4 to Amendment 7

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: limitation of races

on page 2 - "limit no more than 3 from the registered continually for the last gubernatorial."

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

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Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
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Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



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Amendment 1 to Amendment 8

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: change of limits

Change \$700,000 to \$400,000 and \$85,000 to \$35,000

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action:

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : No second to the motion



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Amendment 1 to Amendment 9

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: Contributions received prior to election cycle

On line 6 after made "with contributions recieved prior to the previous election cycle"

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



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Amendment 2 to Amendment 7

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: candidate who raised less than \$10,000

On line14 is on become or a candidate who has raised less than \$10,000

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action:

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : No second to the motion

Amendment 3 to Amendment 7

Amendment Date: 06/05/2017

Legislative Day: 9

Comments: Amendment withdrawn

Amendment drafted on floor during session. Amendment was withdrawn due to changes after it was read.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Withdraw

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action:

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Not Introduced - No Motion



Motions/Votes On Legislation

Motion to Table

Motion Date: 5/1/2017

Final Action: Tabled

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Calvin Ball

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Motion to Remove From Table

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Removed from Table

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Calvin Ball

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	No
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 6/5/2017

Final Action: Passed as Amended

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Jen Terrasa

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	No
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Motion to Override Veto

Motion Date: 7/3/2017

Final Action: Veto Overridden

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Jen Terrasa

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	No
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Documents

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