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## **Maryland State Board of Elections Launches Modernized Campaign Finance Reporting Systems to Strengthen Transparency and Efficiency**

**Annapolis, MD (January 12, 2026)** — The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) today announced the launch of its upgraded Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System (MD-CRIS) and Business Contribution Disclosure System (BCDS), delivering a major modernization in campaign finance disclosure, data accuracy, and public transparency.

The new MD-CRIS and BCDS platforms enhance how candidates, committees, and businesses report campaign-related financial activity, while offering Maryland voters faster, clearer, and more comprehensive access to the information that supports free and fair elections.

“These new systems represent a significant step forward in strengthening Maryland’s framework for transparency, accountability, and efficient campaign finance administration,” said Jared DeMarinis, State Administrator, Maryland State Board of Elections. “With real-time visibility, improved data accuracy, automated compliance tools, and easier public access, we are ensuring that our election processes remain secure, modern, and voter-focused.”

To support Maryland’s long-standing commitment to election integrity, the new systems were designed with both the public and filers in mind. They deliver improved accuracy and streamlined reporting for committees and businesses, while giving residents faster access to campaign finance information through a more transparent and user-friendly platform. The system upgrades improve staff efficiency and compliance oversight, reinforcing Maryland’s leadership in election administration and public accountability.

Specifically, the new systems will deliver a number of key benefits, including:

**Enhancing Public Trust and Accountability**

- Real-time visibility into reported financial transactions
- Public portal ensuring full access to all filed data
- Faster public searches with enhanced analytical database technology

**Improving Efficiency and Data Quality**

- Guided data entry improves accuracy and prevents incomplete filings
- Automated calculations reduce reporting errors and manual work

**Streamlining User Experience**

- Clear, intuitive filing process and visuals to understand financial data
- Simplified committee registration with modern guided steps

**Technical and Administrative Advantages**

- Automated compliance checks and business rules support auditing
- Standardized notifications and self-service tools reduce administrative workload
- Fast, modern processing architecture with automated error files for imports

“Maryland’s commitment to innovation in election administration continues to ensure voters have confidence in our democratic process,” added DeMarinis. “These platforms are built not only to serve campaigns and committees, but to strengthen the public’s trust in the integrity and transparency of our elections.”

For more information visit [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) .

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