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CHAPTER 291

1 AN ACT concerning

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**Election Law**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be  
4 designated and known as the "Election Law Article", to revise, restate,  
5 renumber, add, transfer, and recodify certain laws relating to the powers and  
6 duties of the State and local boards of elections, voter registration, political  
7 parties, candidates, petitions, questions, elections, voting, polling places,  
8 canvassing, contested elections, and offenses and penalties; revising, restating,  
9 and recodifying certain provisions relating to campaign finance, disclosure by  
10 persons doing public business, and public financing of elections; repealing a  
11 certain provision relating to the placement of certain political posters in certain  
12 counties; repealing a certain provision authorizing and empowering the  
13 Governor to employ certain clerical help for election business; revising,  
14 restating, and transferring certain provisions relating to local government  
15 ethics; transferring certain provisions relating to the electronic filing of certain  
16 campaign finance reports to the Session Laws; defining certain terms; providing  
17 for the construction and application of this Act; providing for the continuity of  
18 certain units and the terms of certain officials; providing for the continuity of  
19 the status of certain transactions, employees, rights, duties, titles, interests,  
20 licenses, registrations, certifications, and permits; providing for a delayed  
21 effective date; and generally relating to the laws of the State relating to election  
22 law.

23 BY adding

24 New Article - Election Law

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 BY transferring

1 Article 33 - Election Code  
2 Section 1-101 through 1-304, inclusive, and the title "Title 1. Definitions and  
3 General Provisions"; 2-101 through 2-303, inclusive, and the title "Title 2.  
4 Powers and Duties of the State and Local Boards"; 3-101 through 3-603,  
5 inclusive, and the title "Title 3. Voter Registration"; 4-101 through 4-205,  
6 inclusive, and the title "Title 4. Political Parties"; 5-101 through 5-1303,  
7 inclusive, and the title "Title 5. Candidates"; 6-101 through 6-211,  
8 inclusive, and the title "Title 6. Petitions"; 7-101 through 7-105, inclusive,  
9 and the title "Title 7. Questions"; 8-101 through 8-806, inclusive, and the  
10 title "Title 8. Elections"; 9-101 through 9-408, inclusive, and the title  
11 "Title 9. Voting"; 10-101 through 10-315, inclusive, and the title "Title 10.  
12 Polling Places"; 11-101 through 11-302, 11-302.1, 11-303, 11-303.1  
13 through 11-604, inclusive, and the title "Title 11. Canvassing"; 12-101  
14 through 12-204, inclusive, and the title "Title 12. Contested Elections";  
15 and 16-101 through 16-1001, inclusive, and the title "Title 16. Offenses  
16 and Penalties"  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

19 to be

20 Article - Election Law  
21 Section 1-101 through 1-304, inclusive, and the title "Title 1. Definitions and  
22 General Provisions"; 2-101 through 2-303, inclusive, and the title "Title 2.  
23 Powers and Duties of the State and Local Boards"; 3-101 through 3-603,  
24 inclusive, and the title "Title 3. Voter Registration"; 4-101 through 4-205,  
25 inclusive, and the title "Title 4. Political Parties"; 5-101 through 5-1303,  
26 inclusive, and the title "Title 5. Candidates"; 6-101 through 6-211,  
27 inclusive, and the title "Title 6. Petitions"; 7-101 through 7-105, inclusive,  
28 and the title "Title 7. Questions"; 8-101 through 8-806, inclusive, and the  
29 title "Title 8. Elections"; 9-101 through 9-408, inclusive, and the title  
30 "Title 9. Voting"; 10-101 through 10-315, inclusive, and the title "Title 10.  
31 Polling Places"; 11-101 through 11-302, 11-302.1, 11-303, 11-303.1  
32 through 11-604, inclusive, and the title "Title 11. Canvassing"; 12-101  
33 through 12-204, inclusive, and the title "Title 12. Contested Elections";  
34 and 16-101 through 16-1001, inclusive, and the title "Title 16. Offenses  
35 and Penalties"  
36 Annotated Code of Maryland

37 BY repealing

38 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
39 Section 452  
40 Annotated Code of Maryland  
41 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

42 BY repealing

43 Article 33 - Election Code  
44 Section 9-104; 13-101, 13-102, the title "Title 13. Campaign Finance", and the  
45 subtitle "Subtitle 1. General Provisions"; 13-201 through 13-211.1 and  
46 13-212 through 13-215, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 2.

1 Fund-Raising"; 13-301 through 13-303, inclusive, and the subtitle  
 2 "Subtitle 3. Local Provisions"; 13-401, 13-402(a), (b), (c)(2), (d)(1)(ii), (2),  
 3 and (3), (e), and (f), 13-403, and 13-404, and the subtitle "Subtitle 4.  
 4 Reporting Requirements"; 13-501 through 13-504, inclusive, and the  
 5 subtitle "Subtitle 5. Campaign Materials"; 13-601 through 13-605,  
 6 inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 6. Prohibited Practices and Penalties";  
 7 14-101 through 14-104, inclusive, and the title "Title 14. Disclosure by  
 8 Persons Doing Public Business"; and 15-101 through 15-110, inclusive,  
 9 and the title "Title 15. Public Financing Act"  
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY repealing  
 13 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
 14 Section 2-407  
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 18 Article - Election Law  
 19 Section 1-101, 1-201, 1-303, 2-102, 2-105, 2-203, 2-206, 2-301, 3-202, 3-203,  
 20 3-204, 3-403, 3-504, 3-505, 3-507, 3-509, 3-601, 3-602, 4-102, 4-103,  
 21 4-202, 4-203, 5-205, 5-301, 5-303, 5-304, 5-901, 5-1002, 5-1003, 5-1004,  
 22 5-1204, 7-103, 8-401, 8-502, 8-504, 8-505, 8-701, 8-710, 9-102, 10-101,  
 23 10-202, 10-206, 10-303, 11-301, 11-302, 11-302.1, 11-303, 11-303.1,  
 24 11-304, 11-305, 11-306, 11-401, 11-601, 11-603, 11-604, 12-101, 12-102,  
 25 16-101, 16-201, 16-202, 16-302, 16-303, 16-304, 16-601, 16-701,  
 26 16-801, and 16-1001, respectively  
 27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 28 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

29 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 30 Article - Election Law  
 31 Section 1-301, 1-302, 1-304, 2-101, 2-103, 2-104, 2-106, 2-201, 2-202, 2-204,  
 32 2-205, 2-207, 2-302, 2-303, 3-101, 3-102, 3-201, 3-301 through 3-304,  
 33 inclusive, 3-401, 3-402, 3-501 through 3-503, inclusive, 3-506, 3-508,  
 34 3-603, 4-101, 4-201, 4-204, 4-205, 5-101, 5-201 through 5-204,  
 35 inclusive, 5-302, 5-401 through 5-403, inclusive, 5-501 through 5-504,  
 36 inclusive, 5-601, 5-701 through 5-706, inclusive, 5-801, 5-902 through  
 37 5-905, inclusive, 5-1001, 5-1005, 5-1101, 5-1102, 5-1201 through 5-1203,  
 38 inclusive, 5-1301 through 5-1303, inclusive, 6-101 through 6-103,  
 39 inclusive, 6-201 through 6-211, inclusive, 7-101, 7-102, 7-104, 7-105,  
 40 8-101 through 8-103, inclusive, 8-201 through 8-205, inclusive, 8-301,  
 41 8-501, 8-503, 8-601, 8-602, 8-702 through 8-709, inclusive, 8-711, 8-801  
 42 through 8-806, inclusive, 9-101, 9-103, 9-105, 9-106, 9-201 through  
 43 9-217, inclusive, 9-301 through 9-312, inclusive, 9-401 through 9-408,  
 44 inclusive, 10-102, 10-201, 10-203 through 10-205, inclusive, 10-207,  
 45 10-301, 10-302, 10-304 through 10-315, inclusive, 11-101, 11-201,

1 11-202, 11-402, 11-403, 11-501 through 11-503, inclusive, 11-602, 12-103  
2 through 12-107, inclusive, 12-201 through 12-204, inclusive, 16-203  
3 through 16-207, inclusive, 16-301, 16-401, 16-501, 16-802, 16-803,  
4 16-804, 16-901, and 16-902  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Election Law  
9 Section 9-104; 11-601; 13-101 through 13-103, inclusive, to be under the new  
10 title "Title 13. Campaign Finance" and the new subtitle "Subtitle 1.  
11 General Provisions"; 13-201 through 13-247, inclusive, to be under the  
12 new subtitle "Subtitle 2. Campaign Finance Organization and Activity";  
13 13-301 through 13-341, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3.  
14 General Reporting Requirements"; 13-401 through 13-409, inclusive, to be  
15 under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Campaign Materials"; 13-501 through  
16 13-503, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Local  
17 Provisions"; 13-601 through 13-605, inclusive, to be under the new  
18 subtitle "Subtitle 6. Prohibited Acts and Penalties"; 14-101 through  
19 14-108, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 14. Disclosure by Persons  
20 Doing Public Business"; and 15-101 through 15-111, inclusive, to be under  
21 the new title "Title 15. Public Financing Act"  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article - State Government  
25 Section 15-829, 15-831, 15-838, 15-839, 15-848, and 15-849  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
29 Article - State Government  
30 Section 15-830, 15-832, 15-833, 15-834, 15-835, 15-840, 15-841, and 15-850  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, and transferring to the Session  
34 Laws  
35 Article 33 - Election Code  
36 Section 13-402(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i)  
37 Annotated Code of Maryland  
38 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

39 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
40 MARYLAND, That Article - Election Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be  
41 added.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s)1-101 through  
2 1-304, inclusive, and the title "Title 1. Definitions and General Provisions"; 2-101  
3 through 2-303, inclusive, and the title "Title 2. Powers and Duties of the State and  
4 Local Boards"; 3-101 through 3-603, inclusive, and the title "Title 3. Voter  
5 Registration"; 4-101 through 4-205, inclusive, and the title "Title 4. Political Parties";  
6 5-101 through 5-1303, inclusive, and the title "Title 5. Candidates"; 6-101 through  
7 6-211, inclusive, and the title "Title 6. Petitions"; 7-101 through 7-105, inclusive, and  
8 the title "Title 7. Questions"; 8-101 through 8-806, inclusive, and the title "Title 8.  
9 Elections"; 9-101 through 9-408, inclusive, and the title "Title 9. Voting"; 10-101  
10 through 10-315, inclusive, and the title "Title 10. Polling Places"; 11-101 through  
11 11-302, 11-302.1, 11-303, 11-303.1 through 11-604, inclusive, and the title "Title 11.  
12 Canvassing"; 12-101 through 12-204, inclusive, and the title "Title 12. Contested  
13 Elections"; and 16-101 through 16-1001, inclusive, and the title "Title 16. Offenses  
14 and Penalties", respectively, of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland be  
15 transferred to be Section(s)1-101 through 1-304, inclusive, and the title "Title 1.  
16 Definitions and General Provisions"; 2-101 through 2-303, inclusive, and the title  
17 "Title 2. Powers and Duties of the State and Local Boards"; 3-101 through 3-603,  
18 inclusive, and the title "Title 3. Voter Registration"; 4-101 through 4-205, inclusive,  
19 and the title "Title 4. Political Parties"; 5-101 through 5-1303, inclusive, and the title  
20 "Title 5. Candidates"; 6-101 through 6-211, inclusive, and the title "Title 6.  
21 Petitions"; 7-101 through 7-106, inclusive, and the title "Title 7. Questions"; 8-101  
22 through 8-806, inclusive, and the title "Title 8. Elections"; 9-101 through 9-408,  
23 inclusive, and the title "Title 9. Voting"; 10-101 through 10-315, inclusive, and the  
24 title "Title 10. Polling Places"; 11-101 through 11-302, 11-302.1, 11-303, 11-303.1  
25 through 11-604, inclusive, and the title "Title 11. Canvassing"; 12-101 through  
26 12-204, inclusive, and the title "Title 12. Contested Elections"; and 16-101 through  
27 16-1001, inclusive, and the title "Title 16. Offenses and Penalties", respectively, of  
28 Article - Election Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the following Section(s) of  
30 the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed:

31 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

32 Section 452

33 Article 33 - Election Code

34 Section 13-101, 13-102, the title "Title 13. Campaign Finance", and the subtitle  
35 "Subtitle 1. General Provisions"; 13-201 through 13-215, inclusive, and  
36 the subtitle "Subtitle 2. Fund-Raising"; 13-301 through 13-303, inclusive,  
37 and the subtitle "Subtitle 3. Local Provisions"; 13-401, 13-402(a), (b),  
38 (c)(2), (d)(1)(ii), (2), and (3), (e), and (f), 13-403, and 13-404, and the  
39 subtitle "Subtitle 4. Reporting Requirements"; 13-501 through 13-504,  
40 inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Campaign Materials"; 13-601  
41 through 13-605, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 6. Prohibited  
42 Practices and Penalties"; 14-101 through 14-104, inclusive, and the title  
43 "Title 14. Disclosure by Persons Doing Public Business"; and 15-101  
44 through 15-110, inclusive, and the title "Title 15. Public Financing Act"

45 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

46 Section 2-407

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
2 read as follows:

3 **ARTICLE - ELECTION LAW**

4 Title 1. Definitions and General Provisions.

5 Subtitle 1. Definitions.

6 1-101.

7 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated unless a  
8 different meaning is clearly intended from the context.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(a).

10 No changes are made.

11 (b) "Absentee ballot" means a ballot not used in a polling place.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(b).

13 No changes are made.

14 (c) "Authorized candidate campaign committee" means a political committee  
15 established under [§ 13-202] TITLE 13 of this article and authorized by a candidate to  
16 promote [that individual's] THE CANDIDATE'S candidacy.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(c).

18 The only changes are in style.

19 (d) (1) "Ballot" or "official ballot" includes:

20 (i) An absentee ballot;

21 (ii) A document ballot; or

22 (iii) A voting machine ballot.

23 (2) "Ballot" or "official ballot" does not include:

24 (i) A sample ballot; or

25 (ii) A specimen ballot.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(d).

27 No changes are made.

1 (e) "Ballot face" means a single side of a sheet on which are printed some or all  
2 of the contests to be voted by a voter.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(e).

4 No changes are made.

5 (f) "Ballot issue committee" means a political committee that is formed to  
6 promote the success or defeat of a question to be submitted to a vote at an election.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(f).

8 No changes are made.

9 (g) "Ballot style" means a unique aggregation of contests that make up the  
10 ballot for a particular group of voters identified by common characteristics of  
11 residence location, party affiliation, or both.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(g).

13 No changes are made.

14 (H) "CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY" MEANS:

15 (1) A PERSONAL TREASURER ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS  
16 ARTICLE; OR

17 (2) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS  
18 ARTICLE.

19 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity.

20 (I) "CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT" MEANS A REPORT, STATEMENT,  
21 AFFIDAVIT, OR OTHER DOCUMENT THAT IS:

22 (1) AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

23 (2) RELATED TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITIES OF A CAMPAIGN  
24 FINANCE ENTITY OR TO EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH A LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER;  
25 AND

26 (3) FILED OR SUBMITTED ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE  
27 BOARD UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: Items (1) and (2) of this subsection are new language added  
29 for clarity and to consolidate various references to a "report", "campaign  
30 fund report", "report of contributions and expenditures", "statement", and  
31 other similar references for clarity.

32 Item (3) of this subsection is new language derived from former Art. 33, §  
33 13-402(a).

1 [(h)] (J) "Campaign manager" means a person designated by a candidate, or  
2 the candidate's representative, to exercise general overall responsibility for the  
3 conduct of the candidate's political campaign.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(h).

5 No changes are made.

6 (K) "CAMPAIGN MATERIAL".

7 (1) "CAMPAIGN MATERIAL" MEANS ANY MATERIAL THAT:

8 (I) CONTAINS TEXT, GRAPHICS, OR OTHER IMAGES;

9 (II) RELATES TO A CANDIDATE, A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE, OR  
10 THE APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF A QUESTION; AND

11 (III) IS PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED.

12 (2) "CAMPAIGN MATERIAL" INCLUDES:

13 (I) MATERIAL TRANSMITTED BY OR APPEARING ON THE INTERNET  
14 OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEDIUM; AND

15 (II) AN ORAL COMMERCIAL CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENT.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
17 substantive change from former Art. 33, §§ 13-501(a)(1) and 13-502(a)(1),  
18 as they related to campaign material.

19 In paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the reference to material that  
20 contains "text, graphics, or other images" is substituted for the former  
21 reference to "... or any other printed, multigraphed, photographed,  
22 typewritten, written matter or statement or any matter or statement  
23 which may be copied by any device or method or which may hereafter be  
24 used for making copies of printed or written matter in any form whatever  
25 ..." for brevity and clarity.

26 Also in paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the former list of examples of  
27 campaign materials, "pamphlet, circular, card, ... nail files, [and] balloons,"  
28 is deleted as unnecessary in light of the comprehensive reference to "any  
29 material that ... contains text, graphics, or other images".

30 In paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, the former phrase "for public or  
31 party office" is deleted as included in the definition of "candidate".

32 Also in paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, the term "question" is  
33 substituted for the former reference to a "proposition" for consistency with  
34 terminology used elsewhere in this article.

35 In paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, the phrase "an oral commercial



1 campaign advertisement" is added for accuracy, clarity, and consistency  
2 with § 13-401 of this article.

3 [(i)] (L) (1) "Candidate" means an individual who files a certificate of  
4 candidacy for a public or party office.

5 (2) "Candidate" includes:

6 (i) An incumbent judge of the Court of Appeals or Court of Special  
7 Appeals at an election for continuance in office; and

8 (ii) An individual, prior to that individual filing a certificate of  
9 candidacy, if a [filing under § 13-201 or § 13-202 of this article] CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
10 ENTITY has been [made] ESTABLISHED on behalf of that individual.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
12 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 1-101(i).

13 The reference to the establishment of a "campaign finance entity" is  
14 substituted for the former reference to making a "filing" under Title 13 of  
15 this article for clarity and consistency with terminology used throughout  
16 this article.

17 [(j)] (M) (1) "Contest" means:

18 (i) The aggregate of candidates who run against each other or  
19 among themselves for nomination for, or election to, an office or multiple offices of the  
20 same category; or

21 (ii) The positive and negative voting options for a question  
22 submitted to the voters.

23 (2) "Contest" includes, in a general election for an office, the write-in  
24 option.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(j).

26 No changes are made.

27 (N) "CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
28 THAT IS PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity and to  
30 conform to terminology used in Title 13 of this article.

31 [(k)] (O) (1) "Contribution" means the gift or transfer, or promise of gift or  
32 transfer, of money or other thing of value to a [candidate, the candidate's  
33 representative, or a representative of any political party or partisan organization]  
34 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY to promote or assist in the promotion of the success or  
35 defeat of a candidate, political party, or question.

1           (2)       "Contribution" includes proceeds from the sale of tickets to a  
2 campaign fund-raising event.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(k).

4       The defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
5 reference to a "candidate, the candidate's representative, or a  
6 representative of any political party or partisan organization" for clarity  
7 and to conform to terminology used throughout this article. *See* General  
8 Revisor's Note to this title.

9       No other changes are made.

10       [(l)]       (P)       "County" means a county of the State or Baltimore City.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(l).

12       No changes are made.

13       [(s)]       (Q)       ["Handicapped"] "DISABLED" means having a temporary or  
14 permanent physical disability.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(s).

16       The defined term "disabled" is substituted for the former defined term  
17 "handicapped" to conform to current terminology used throughout the  
18 Code.

19       No other changes are made.

20       (R)       "DISTRIBUTOR".

21           (1)       "DISTRIBUTOR" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED FOR PROFIT IN THE  
22 DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL BY HAND DELIVERY OR DIRECT MAIL.

23           (2)       "DISTRIBUTOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE SALARIED EMPLOYEES, AGENTS,  
24 OR VOLUNTEERS OF THE PERSON.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
26 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-502(b).

27       The former references to "persons, partnership, or corporation" and to  
28 "persons, partnerships, or corporations" are deleted as included in the  
29 comprehensive reference to a person. *See* Art. 1, § 15.

30       The defined term "campaign material" is substituted for the former  
31 reference to "circulars, pamphlets, and other advertisements" for clarity.

32       [(m)]       (S)       (1)       "Document ballot" means a ballot used with a voting system in  
33 which the voter individually is issued a ballot on which to indicate one or more votes.

1 (2) "Document ballot" includes:

2 (i) A machine-read ballot, such as an optically scanned ballot or  
3 punchcard ballot; and

4 (ii) A hand-counted paper ballot.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(m).

6 No changes are made.

7 [(n)] (T) "Driver's license" includes an identification card issued by the Motor  
8 Vehicle Administration.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(n).

10 No changes are made.

11 [(o)] (U) "Elderly" means 65 years of age or older.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(o).

13 No changes are made.

14 [(p)] (V) (1) "Election" means the process by which voters cast votes on one  
15 or more contests under the laws of this State or the United States.

16 (2) "Election" includes, unless otherwise specifically provided in this  
17 article, all general elections, primary elections, and special elections.

18 (3) "Election" does not include, unless otherwise specifically provided in  
19 this article, a municipal election other than in Baltimore City.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(p).

21 No changes are made.

22 (W) "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PERIOD THAT BEGINS ON THE JANUARY 1  
23 THAT FOLLOWS A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION AND CONTINUES UNTIL THE  
24 DECEMBER 31 THAT IS 4 YEARS LATER.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity.

26 [(q)] (X) "Electronic storage format" means a computer disk or other  
27 information storage and retrieval medium approved by the State Board.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(q).

29 No changes are made.

1 [(r)] (Y) "Expenditure" means a gift, transfer, disbursement, or promise of  
2 money or a thing of value by OR ON BEHALF OF a [candidate, treasurer, or other  
3 agent of the candidate, political party, or partisan organization] CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
4 ENTITY to:

5 (1) Promote or assist in the promotion of the success or defeat of a  
6 candidate, political party, or question at an election; or

7 (2) Pay for the publication expense of a legislative newsletter under [§  
8 13-503] TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 4 of this article.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
10 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 1-101(r).

11 The phrase "on behalf of" is added for clarity and accuracy.

12 The reference to a "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
13 reference to a "candidate, treasurer, or other agent of the candidate,  
14 political party, or partisan organization" for clarity and to conform to  
15 terminology used throughout this article.

16 [(t)] (Z) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person [or  
17 political committee] to aid or promote the success or defeat of a candidate [that] IF  
18 THE EXPENDITURE is not made in coordination with, or at the request or suggestion  
19 of, [a] THE candidate [or authorized committee or agent], A CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
20 ENTITY of the candidate, OR AN AGENT OF THE CANDIDATE.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(t).

22 The defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
23 reference to "authorized committee" of the candidate for clarity and  
24 consistency with terminology used in Title 13 of this article.

25 [(u)] (AA) "Infamous crime" means any felony, treason, perjury, or any crime  
26 involving an element of deceit, fraud, or corruption.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(u).

28 No changes are made.

29 [(v)] (BB) "Local board" means a county board of elections.

30 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(v).

31 No changes are made.

32 [(w)] (CC) "Majority party" means the political party to which the incumbent  
33 Governor belongs, if the incumbent Governor is a member of a principal political  
34 party. If the incumbent Governor is not a member of one of the two principal political  
35 parties, "majority party" means the principal political party whose candidate for

1 Governor received the highest number of votes of any party candidate at the last  
2 preceding general election.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(w).

4 No changes are made.

5 [(x)] (DD) "Partisan organization" means a combination of two or more  
6 individuals formed for the purpose of organizing a new political party.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(x).

8 No changes are made.

9 [(y)] (EE) "Political action committee" means a political committee that is not:

10 (1) A political party;

11 (2) A central committee;

12 (3) A slate;

13 (4) A political committee organized and operated solely to support or  
14 oppose a single candidate; or

15 (5) A political committee organized and operated solely to support or  
16 oppose a ballot issue.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(y).

18 No changes are made.

19 [(z)] (FF) "Political committee" means a combination of two or more individuals  
20 that assists or attempts to assist in promoting the success or defeat of a candidate,  
21 political party, or question submitted to a vote at any election.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(z).

23 No changes are made.

24 [(aa)] (GG) "Political party" means an organized group that is qualified as a  
25 political party in accordance with Title 4 of this article.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(aa).

27 No changes are made.

28 [(bb)] (HH) "Precinct" includes:

29 (1) An election district in a county that is not divided into precincts;

1 (2) An election precinct in an election district that is divided into  
2 precincts; or

3 (3) A precinct in a ward of the City of Baltimore.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(bb).

5 No changes are made.

6 [(cc)] (II) "Precinct register" means the list of voters for a single precinct.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(cc).

8 No changes are made.

9 [(dd)] (JJ) "Principal minority party" means the principal political party whose  
10 candidate for Governor received the second highest number of votes of any party  
11 candidate at the last preceding general election.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(dd).

13 No changes are made.

14 [(ee)] (KK) "Principal political parties" means the majority party and the  
15 principal minority party.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(ee).

17 No changes are made.

18 [(ff)] (LL) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot distributed to an individual on  
19 election day by the local board at the precinct where the individual has completed a  
20 temporary certificate of registration.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(ff).

22 No changes are made.

23 [(gg)] (MM) "Registered voter" does not include an individual whose name is on  
24 a list of inactive voters.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(gg).

26 No changes are made.

27 (NN) "RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS".

28 "RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS" MEANS:

29 (1) WITH RESPECT TO A PERSONAL TREASURER, THE CANDIDATE AND  
30 TREASURER; AND

1 (2) WITH RESPECT TO A POLITICAL COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN AND  
2 TREASURER.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
4 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(c).

5 [(hh)] (OO) "Sample ballot" means a facsimile of a ballot used for informational  
6 purposes by a person or entity other than a local board.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(hh).

8 No changes are made.

9 [(ii)] (PP) "Slate" means a political committee of two or more candidates who  
10 join together to conduct and pay for joint campaign activities.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(ii).

12 No changes are made.

13 [(jj)] (QQ) "Specimen ballot" means a facsimile of a ballot used by a local board  
14 to provide notice to registered voters of the contents of the ballot.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(jj).

16 No changes are made.

17 [(kk)] (RR) "State Administrator" means the State Administrator of Elections.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(kk).

19 No changes are made.

20 [(ll)] (SS) "State Board" means the State Board of Elections.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(ll).

22 No changes are made.

23 (TT) "TRANSFER" MEANS A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION THAT IS MADE BY ONE  
24 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY TO ANOTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, OTHER  
25 THAN ONE MADE BY OR TO A POLITICAL CLUB.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to distinguish a  
27 payment from one campaign finance entity to another campaign finance  
28 entity from a payment from a person other than a campaign finance entity  
29 to a campaign finance entity and for consistency with Title 13 of this  
30 article.

31 [(mm)] (UU) "Treasurer" means an individual appointed [by a candidate,  
32 political agent, political committee, political party, or partisan organization to receive

1 or disburse money or other things of value to promote or assist in the promotion of the  
2 success or defeat of a candidate, political party, or question submitted to a vote at an  
3 election] IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(mm).

5 The former phrase "by a candidate, political agent, political committee,  
6 political party, or partisan organization to receive or disburse money or  
7 other things of value to promote or assist in the promotion of the success or  
8 defeat of a candidate, political party, or question submitted to a vote at an  
9 election" is deleted as surplusage and in light of the provisions in Title 13,  
10 Subtitle 2 of this article governing the appointment of a treasurer by a  
11 campaign finance entity.

12 The only other changes are in style.

13 [(nn)] (VV) "Voting machine" includes:

14 (1) A mechanical lever machine; and

15 (2) A direct recording electronic voting device.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(nn).

17 No changes are made.

18 [(oo)] (WW) "Voting machine ballot" means a ballot posted on or in the voting  
19 machine and referred to by the voter to indicate the voting locations for each contest.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(oo).

21 No changes are made.

22 [(pp)] (XX) "Voting system" means a method of casting and tabulating ballots  
23 or votes.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(pp).

25 No changes are made.

26 [(qq)] (YY) "Write-in candidate" means an individual whose name will not  
27 appear on the ballot but who files a certificate of candidacy in accordance with §  
28 5-303 of this article.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(qq).

30 No changes are made.

31 [(rr)] (ZZ) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast, in a contest at a general election,  
32 for an individual whose name is not on the ballot for that contest.



1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 1-101(rr).

2 No changes are made.

3 Subtitle 2. Statement of Purpose.

4 1-201.

5 The intention of this article is that the conduct of elections should inspire public  
6 confidence and trust by assuring that:

7 (1) All persons served by the election system are treated fairly and  
8 equitably;

9 (2) All qualified persons may register and vote and that those who are  
10 not qualified do not vote;

11 (3) Those who administer elections are well-trained, that they serve  
12 both those who vote and those who seek votes, and that they put the public interest  
13 ahead of partisan interests;

14 (4) Full information on elections is provided to the public, including  
15 disclosure of campaign receipts and expenditures;

16 (5) Citizen convenience is emphasized in all aspects of the election  
17 process;

18 (6) Security and integrity are maintained in the casting of ballots,  
19 canvass of votes, and reporting of election results; [and]

20 (7) The prevention of fraud and corruption is diligently [pursued,]  
21 PURSUED; and

22 (8) Any offenses that occur are prosecuted.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 1-201.

24 The only changes are in style.

25 Subtitle 3. General Provisions.

26 1-301.

27 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in computing the  
28 time under this article for performing an act, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays  
29 shall be included.

30 (2) In a computation of time under this article, the day of performing an  
31 act and the day of registration or election shall be excluded.

1 (b) If a computation of time would require an act to be performed on a  
2 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the act shall be performed on the next regular  
3 business day following that Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 1-301.

5 No changes are made.

6 1-302.

7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the filing of any  
8 document specified in this article may be made by electronic facsimile transmittal.

9 (b) A document may not be filed by electronic facsimile transmittal if the  
10 document is required to contain a signed affidavit.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 1-302.

12 No changes are made.

13 1-303.

14 (a) In this section, "voter information material" means:

15 (1) Campaign literature that is [subject to the provisions] CAMPAIGN  
16 MATERIAL UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 4 of this article; or

17 (2) Registration or voting information issued by the State Board or a  
18 local board.

19 (b) This section applies only:

20 (1) In Montgomery County; and

21 (2) To apartment buildings, condominiums, or other multifamily  
22 residential structures where access to the entrance of individual residential units is  
23 restricted by the owner or governing board of the entire structure.

24 (c) (1) The owner or governing board of a multifamily residential structure  
25 shall designate a public area within the structure where, for the 60-day period  
26 immediately prior to each primary election and general election, voter information  
27 material may be distributed or deposited.

28 (2) The designated public area shall be readily accessible to the residents  
29 of the structure.

30 (3) Voter information material deposited in the designated public area  
31 shall remain available for residents of the structure for a period of at least 10 days.

32 (d) Upon written notification by a person whose rights under this section were  
33 violated, the local board shall:

1 (1) Notify the owner or governing board regarding the apparent violation  
2 and the requirements of this section; and

3 (2) Request compliance with the requirements of this section.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 1-303.

5 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the phrase "campaign material under  
6 Title 13, Subtitle 4" is substituted for the former phrase "subject to the  
7 provisions" of this article for clarity.

8 Defined terms: "Campaign material" § 1-101

9 "Election" § 1-101

10 "Local board" § 1-101

11 "State Board" § 1-101

12 1-304.

13 This article does not preempt restrictions on political activities that are:

14 (1) Provided in or authorized by the Montgomery County Charter; and

15 (2) Imposed on any of the following individuals:

16 (i) An officer or employee of the Montgomery County government  
17 who serves in a quasi-judicial capacity; or

18 (ii) A member of a Montgomery County government board or  
19 commission who serves in a quasi-judicial capacity.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 1-304.

21 No changes are made.

22 Title 2. Powers and Duties of the State and Local Boards.

23 Subtitle 1. State Board.

24 2-101.

25 (a) There is a State Board of Elections consisting of five members.

26 (b) The State Board shall maintain its principal office in Annapolis and have  
27 staff, subject to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, as provided in the State  
28 budget.

29 (c) Each member of the State Board shall:

30 (1) Subject to subsection (g)(2) of this section, be appointed by the  
31 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland;

1           (2)     Be a registered voter in the State for the 5 years immediately  
2 preceding the appointment;

3           (3)     Subject to subsection (f)(3) of this section, be eligible for  
4 reappointment;

5           (4)     Conform to the restrictions specified under § 2-301 of this title; and

6           (5)     Be subject to removal by the Governor for incompetence, misconduct,  
7 or other good cause, upon written charges filed by the Governor with the State Board  
8 and after having been afforded notice and ample opportunity to be heard.

9       (d)     Before taking office, each appointee to the State Board shall take the oath  
10 required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

11       (e)     (1)     Each member of the State Board shall be a member of one of the  
12 principal political parties.

13           (2)     A person may not be appointed to the State Board if the appointment  
14 will result in the State Board having more than three or fewer than two members of  
15 the same principal political party.

16       (f)     (1)     The term of a member is 4 years and begins on July 1.

17           (2)     The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms  
18 provided for members of the State Board on July 1, 1999.

19           (3)     A member may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

20           (4)     At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
21 appointed and qualifies.

22       (g)     (1)     If a vacancy occurs on the State Board, it shall be filled for the  
23 remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

24           (2)     An appointment made while the Senate of Maryland is not in session  
25 shall be considered temporary until the appointee is confirmed by the Senate.

26       (h)     Not later than August 1 each year, the State Board shall elect one of its  
27 members as chairman.

28       (i)     Each member shall receive:

29           (1)     Per diem compensation as provided in the State budget for each day  
30 that the member is actually engaged in the discharge of official duties, as authorized  
31 by the State Board and in accordance with the State budget; and

32           (2)     Reimbursement for all necessary and proper expenses, as provided in  
33 the State budget.

34 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-101.

1 No changes are made.

2 2-102.

3 (a) The State Board shall manage and supervise elections in the State and  
4 ensure compliance with the requirements of this article and any applicable federal  
5 law by all persons involved in the elections process.

6 (b) In exercising its authority under this article and in order to ensure  
7 compliance with this article and with any requirements of federal law, the State  
8 Board shall:

9 (1) Supervise the conduct of elections in the State;

10 (2) Direct, support, monitor, and evaluate the activities of each local  
11 board;

12 (3) Have a staff sufficient to perform its functions;

13 (4) Adopt regulations to implement its powers and duties;

14 (5) Receive, and in its discretion audit, [the] campaign finance reports  
15 [and statements required under Title 13 of this article];

16 (6) Appoint a State Administrator in accordance with § 2-103 of this  
17 subtitle;

18 (7) Maximize the use of technology in election administration, including  
19 the development of a plan for a comprehensive computerized elections management  
20 system;

21 (8) Canvass and certify the results of elections as prescribed by law;

22 (9) Make available to the general public, in a timely and efficient  
23 manner, information on the electoral process, including a publication that includes  
24 the text of this article, relevant portions of the Maryland Constitution, and  
25 information gathered and maintained regarding elections;

26 (10) [Receive,] SUBJECT TO §§ 2-106 AND 13-341 OF THIS ARTICLE,  
27 RECEIVE, maintain, and serve as a depository for elections documents, materials,  
28 records, statistics, reports, certificates, proclamations, and other information  
29 prescribed by law or regulation; and

30 (11) Prescribe all forms required under this article.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-102.

32 In subsection (b)(5) of this section, the former reference to "statements  
33 required under Title 13 of this article" is deleted in light of the use of the  
34 defined term "campaign finance report[s]".

1 In subsection (b)(10) of this section, the phrase "subject to §§ 2-106 and  
2 13-341 of this article," is added for clarity.

3 Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

4 "Election" § 1-101

5 "Local board" § 1-101

6 "State Administrator" § 1-101

7 "State Board" § 1-101

8 2-103.

9 (a) There is a State Administrator of Elections.

10 (b) The State Administrator shall:

11 (1) Be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the State Board;

12 (2) Receive a salary as provided in the State budget;

13 (3) As provided in the State budget, employ and supervise:

14 (i) A deputy administrator; and

15 (ii) Pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, other  
16 staff of the State Board;

17 (4) Supervise the operations of the local boards;

18 (5) Perform all duties and exercise all powers that are assigned by law to  
19 the State Administrator or delegated by the State Board;

20 (6) Be subject to removal by the affirmative vote of four members of the  
21 State Board for incompetence, misconduct, or other good cause; however, prior to  
22 removal, the State Board shall set forth written charges stating the grounds for  
23 dismissal and afford the State Administrator notice and an ample opportunity to be  
24 heard; and

25 (7) Be the chief State election official.

26 (c) Before taking office, the appointee to the office of State Administrator shall  
27 take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-103.

29 No changes are made.

30 2-104.

31 (a) In the year preceding each year in which a primary and general election is  
32 to be held throughout the State, the State Board shall conduct a meeting for the  
33 members of the local boards.

1 (b) Unless excused by the State Administrator in accordance with regulations  
2 of the State Board, the following individuals are required to attend the meeting:

3 (1) The members, substitute members, counsel, and election director of  
4 each local board; and

5 (2) Any other individuals designated by the State Board or a local board  
6 to attend the meeting.

7 (c) (1) The meeting shall be held at a time and place and continue for such  
8 period of time as the State Board considers necessary.

9 (2) The purpose of the meeting is to instruct the members of the local  
10 boards, the election directors, the counsel to local boards, and the other employees  
11 who are in attendance, concerning their duties in the conduct of elections.

12 (d) Each member, substitute member, election director, counsel, or other  
13 employee who is required or authorized to attend the meeting shall be reimbursed by  
14 the county government:

15 (1) For all reasonable expenses for each day that the individual attends  
16 the meeting; and

17 (2) For mileage from the individual's place of residence to the place of  
18 meeting and return, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

19 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-104.

20 No changes are made.

21 2-105.

22 In any judicial proceeding in which a local board is a party, the State Board:

23 (1) [Shall be provided a copy of the proceedings by certified mail,  
24 immediately after the action has been filed] IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACTION HAS  
25 BEEN FILED, SHALL BE PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED MAIL BY THE LOCAL BOARD WITH A  
26 COPY OF THE COMPLAINT OR OTHER PLEADING THAT INITIATED THE PROCEEDING;  
27 and

28 (2) May join as a party to the proceeding.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-105.

30 In item (1) of this section, the requirement that the "local board" provide  
31 the State Board with a copy of the complaint or other pleading is added for  
32 clarity.

33 The only other changes are in style.

34 Defined term: "State Board" § 1-101

1 2-106.

2 (a) The State Board and each local board shall maintain and dispose of its  
3 public records in accordance with the program for records management adopted by  
4 the State Board under Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part IV of the State Government Article.

5 (b) If produced and proved by a representative of the applicable board, a copy  
6 of a public record that is certified by and kept under the seal of the principal  
7 administrative officer of that board shall be evidence in any court to the same extent  
8 as the original record.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-106.

10 No changes are made.

11 Subtitle 2. Local Boards.

12 2-201.

13 (a) (1) There is a county board of elections in each county of the State.

14 (2) Each local board and its staff is subject to the direction and authority  
15 of the State Board and is accountable to the State Board for its actions in all matters  
16 regarding the implementation of the requirements of this article and any applicable  
17 federal law.

18 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, each local board  
19 consists of three regular members and two substitute members.

20 (2) Two regular members and one substitute member shall be of the  
21 majority party, and one regular member and one substitute member shall be of the  
22 principal minority party.

23 (3) In the event of the absence of a regular member or a vacancy in the  
24 office of a regular member, the substitute member of the same political party shall  
25 exercise the powers and duties of a regular member until the regular member returns  
26 or the vacancy is filled as prescribed in subsection (h) of this section.

27 (c) Each regular and substitute member of a local board shall:

28 (1) Be appointed in accordance with subsection (g) of this section;

29 (2) Be a registered voter in the county for which the individual is  
30 appointed for the 5 years immediately preceding the appointment; and

31 (3) Be eligible for reappointment.

32 (d) (1) The term of a member is 4 years and begins on the first Monday in  
33 June of each year following a gubernatorial election.



1           (2)     At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
2 appointed and qualifies.

3           (e)     Before taking office, a member shall take and subscribe to the oath  
4 prescribed in Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

5           (f)     The Governor may remove a member for incompetence, misconduct, or  
6 other good cause, upon written charges stating the Governor's grounds for dismissal  
7 and after affording the member notice and an ample opportunity to be heard.

8           (g)     (1)     The Governor shall request the county central committee  
9 representing the majority party or the principal minority party, as appropriate, to  
10 submit a list of at least four eligible individuals from which the Governor may make  
11 an appointment of a regular member or a substitute member of the local board.

12           (2)     The Governor may reject all of the nominees if the Governor  
13 determines them to be unfit or incompetent, in which case the Governor shall notify  
14 the State Board in writing and request an additional list of at least four eligible  
15 nominees from the county central committee. A third list may be requested in the  
16 same manner.

17           (3)     If a list containing the names of four eligible nominees is not  
18 submitted within 20 days of a request or if all the nominees on three lists are rejected,  
19 the Governor may appoint any eligible person who is a member of the appropriate  
20 political party.

21           (4)     (i)     Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each  
22 appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate of Maryland.

23                   (ii)     In Caroline, Dorchester, and Kent Counties, if there is no  
24 resident Senator of the particular county, the confirmation required under  
25 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be by the House of Delegates of Maryland.

26                   (iii)    If an appointee is rejected, the Governor shall make another  
27 appointment from the list or lists submitted under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this  
28 subsection. If a list is not provided, or the nominees on three lists are rejected, the  
29 Governor may appoint an eligible individual as provided in paragraph (3) of this  
30 subsection.

31           (h)     (1)     If a member of a local board dies, resigns, is removed, or becomes  
32 ineligible:

33                   (i)     The substitute member belonging to the same political party  
34 shall become a regular member of the local board; and

35                   (ii)    The Governor shall appoint an eligible person from the same  
36 political party to be the new substitute member.

37           (2)     If a substitute member of a local board becomes a regular member as  
38 provided in paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, dies, resigns, is removed, or becomes

1 ineligible when the confirming legislative body is not in session, the Governor shall  
2 appoint an eligible person from the same political party as the predecessor substitute  
3 member to fill the vacancy. That individual shall serve until the earlier of:

4 (i) The adjournment of the next session of the General Assembly;  
5 or

6 (ii) The appointment of another individual to fill the same vacancy.

7 (i) A board shall meet within 20 days after the beginning of the term to elect  
8 one of its regular members as president.

9 (j) (1) In Prince George's County, the local board consists of five regular  
10 members and three substitute members.

11 (2) Four regular members and two substitute members shall be of the  
12 majority party, and one regular member and one substitute member shall be of the  
13 principal minority party.

14 (3) If a vacancy occurs on the local board among the members from the  
15 majority party, the Governor shall designate one of the substitute members from that  
16 party to fill the vacancy.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-201.

18 No changes are made.

19 2-202.

20 (a) Except for the City of Baltimore, the provisions of this section do not apply  
21 to a municipal corporation in the State in which the municipal or charter elections are  
22 regulated by the public local laws of the State or the charter of the municipal  
23 corporation.

24 (b) Each local board, in accordance with the provisions of this article and  
25 regulations adopted by the State Board, shall:

26 (1) Oversee the conduct of all elections held in its county and ensure that  
27 the elections process is conducted in an open, convenient, and impartial manner;

28 (2) Pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, or its county  
29 merit system, whichever is applicable, appoint an election director to manage the  
30 operations and supervise the staff of the local board;

31 (3) Maintain an office and be open for business as provided in this  
32 article, and provide the supplies and equipment necessary for the proper and efficient  
33 conduct of voter registration and election, including:

34 (i) Supplies and equipment required by the State Board; and

35 (ii) Office and polling place equipment expenses.

1 (4) Adopt any regulation it considers necessary to perform its duties  
2 under this article, which regulation shall become effective when it is filed with and  
3 approved by the State Board;

4 (5) Serve as the local board of canvassers and certify the results of each  
5 election conducted by the local board;

6 (6) Establish and alter the boundaries and number of precincts in  
7 accordance with § 2-303 of this title, and provide a suitable polling place for each  
8 precinct, and assign voters to precincts;

9 (7) Provide to the general public timely information and notice, by  
10 publication or mail, concerning voter registration and elections;

11 (8) Make determinations and hear and decide challenges and appeals as  
12 provided by law;

13 (9) (i) Aid in the prosecution of an offense under this article; and

14 (ii) When the board finds there is probable cause to believe an  
15 offense has been committed, refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutorial  
16 authority; and

17 (10) Maintain and dispose of its records in accordance with the plan  
18 adopted by the State Board under § 2-106 of this title.

19 (c) In Garrett County, following each decennial census of the United States,  
20 the local board shall:

21 (1) Evaluate the population of the county commissioner districts to  
22 determine whether the districts are of substantially equal population; and

23 (2) Recommend to the Garrett County Delegation to the General  
24 Assembly any adjustments of the boundaries of those districts that are necessary to  
25 maintain districts of substantially equal population.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-202.

27 No changes are made.

28 2-203.

29 Each county shall appropriate the funds essential for the operations of its local  
30 board to enable the local board to pay the [necessary and] reasonable expenses  
31 incurred by the local board to exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed  
32 for it by law, including:

33 (1) Personnel expenses, such as compensation, workers' compensation,  
34 and unemployment insurance;

35 (2) Polling place operation expenses; and

1 (3) Supplies and equipment required under § 2-202(b)(3) of this subtitle.

2 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-203.

3 The only changes are in style.

4 2-204.

5 (a) Each regular member of a local board shall receive the salary and  
6 reimbursement of expenses provided in the county budget, but in no event may the  
7 annual compensation be less than the following amounts:

8 (1) In Allegany County, the amount set by the County Commissioners  
9 under Article 24, Title 12, Subtitle 1 of the Code;

10 (2) In Anne Arundel County, \$2,400;

11 (3) In Baltimore City, \$11,000 for the president and \$10,000 for other  
12 regular members;

13 (4) In Baltimore County, \$4,000 for the president and \$3,000 for other  
14 regular members;

15 (5) In Calvert County, \$3,000 and reimbursement for expenses in the  
16 performance of their duties;

17 (6) In Caroline County, \$2,750 for the president, \$2,500 for other regular  
18 members, and reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of election  
19 duties in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations;

20 (7) In Carroll County, \$3,000;

21 (8) In Cecil County, \$1,250 for the president, \$1,000 for other regular  
22 members, and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of  
23 election activities which occur outside the County;

24 (9) In Charles County, \$800;

25 (10) In Dorchester County, \$3,000 and expenses as authorized by the  
26 County Commissioners;

27 (11) In Frederick County, \$2,100;

28 (12) In Garrett County, the amount set by the County Commissioners  
29 under Chapter 91 of the Public Local Laws of Garrett County;

30 (13) In Harford County, \$2,000 for the president and \$1,700 for other  
31 regular members;

32 (14) In Howard County, \$2,800 for the president and \$2,000 for other  
33 regular members;

1 (15) In Kent County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,500 for other regular  
2 members;

3 (16) In Montgomery County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for other  
4 regular members;

5 (17) In Prince George's County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for  
6 other regular members;

7 (18) In Queen Anne's County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,200 for  
8 other regular members;

9 (19) In St. Mary's County, \$800;

10 (20) In Somerset County, \$1,000;

11 (21) In Talbot County, \$600;

12 (22) In Washington County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for other  
13 regular members;

14 (23) In Wicomico County, \$2,400 for the president and \$1,800 for other  
15 regular members; and

16 (24) In Worcester County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,200 for other  
17 regular members.

18 (b) (1) Consistent with paragraph (2) of this subsection, each substitute  
19 member shall be compensated for each day of service as provided in the county  
20 budget.

21 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a  
22 substitute member shall be compensated at a rate of at least \$25 for each meeting of  
23 the local board that the substitute member attends.

24 (ii) 1. In Baltimore City, a substitute member shall be paid \$150  
25 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

26 2. In Calvert County, a substitute member shall be paid at  
27 least \$50 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

28 3. In Garrett County, a substitute member shall be paid the  
29 amount set by the County Commissioners under Chapter 91 of the Public Local Laws  
30 of Garrett County.

31 4. In Kent County, a substitute member shall be paid at least  
32 \$50 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

33 5. In Wicomico County, a substitute member shall be paid  
34 \$1,200 annually.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-204.

2 No changes are made.

3 2-205.

4 (a) Each local board may appoint or retain as counsel an individual who is:

5 (1) A registered voter of its county; and

6 (2) Admitted to practice law in the State.

7 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the salary of  
8 counsel shall be set by the local board in accordance with the county budget.

9 (2) (i) In Anne Arundel County, the counsel may not be compensated  
10 less than the salary of a local board member.

11 (ii) In Baltimore County, the counsel may not be compensated less  
12 than \$2,000.

13 (iii) In Montgomery County, the counsel shall receive an annual  
14 salary of \$2,000.

15 (iv) In Prince George's County, the counsel shall receive an annual  
16 salary of \$4,500.

17 (v) In Wicomico County, the counsel shall receive an annual salary  
18 of \$1,200, paid in equal quarterly installments by the county council.

19 (vi) In Worcester County, the counsel shall receive an annual salary  
20 as provided in the county budget, but not less than \$800.

21 (c) In accordance with the county budget and in addition to the compensation  
22 specified in subsection (b) of this section, each local board may provide counsel with  
23 appropriate additional compensation for services that the local board determines are  
24 necessary.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-205.

26 No changes are made.

27 2-206.

28 (a) Subject to the requirements of this article and the policies and guidance of  
29 the local board, the election director may:

30 (1) Appoint the employees of the local board;

31 (2) Train judges of election;

- 1 (3) Give notice of elections;
- 2 (4) Submit voter registration reports to the State Board;
- 3 (5) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, issue a temporary certificate  
4 of registration to a voter on election day;
- 5 (6) Initiate and conduct any program approved by the State Board to  
6 identify, notify, and remove from the voter registration rolls any registrant who has  
7 become ineligible due to a change of address;
- 8 (7) Upon the request of an elderly or [handicapped] DISABLED voter  
9 whose polling place is not structurally barrier free, provide an alternate polling place  
10 to the voter;
- 11 (8) Issue voter acknowledgment notices and voter notification cards;
- 12 (9) Receive certificates of candidacy;
- 13 (10) Verify nominating petitions;
- 14 (11) Receive and maintain [campaign fund reports]CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
15 REPORTS;
- 16 (12) In consultation with the local board, conduct the canvass following an  
17 election; and
- 18 (13) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, process and reject absentee  
19 ballot applications.
- 20 (b) A voter may appeal a decision of the election director to the local board  
21 regarding:
- 22 (1) The issuance of a temporary certificate of registration on election day  
23 under subsection (a)(5) of this section; and
- 24 (2) The rejection of an absentee ballot application under subsection  
25 (a)(13) of this section.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-206.

27 In subsection (a)(7) of this section, the defined word "disabled" is  
28 substituted for the former defined word "handicapped". *See* § 1-101 of this  
29 article.

30 In subsection (a)(11) of this section, the reference to the defined term  
31 "campaign finance report[s]" is substituted for the former reference to  
32 "campaign fund reports" for consistency with other provisions of this  
33 article. *See* General Revisor's Note to Title 13 of this article.

34 No other changes are made.

1 2-207.

2 (a) (1) This section applies to each employee of a local board.

3 (2) This section does not apply to:

4 (i) Local board counsel; or

5 (ii) An election judge.

6 (b) This section does not alter in any manner the method by which the salary  
7 of an employee of a local board is funded by the county in which the employee is  
8 employed.

9 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, if the employees of  
10 a local board are covered by its county merit system:

11 (i) The employees shall be classified employees under the county  
12 merit system; and

13 (ii) The employees may be appointed and removed subject to the  
14 personnel regulations of the county in which the local board is located.

15 (2) If the employees of a local board are not covered by its county merit  
16 system:

17 (i) The employees shall be in the skilled service or professional  
18 service of the State Personnel Management System;

19 (ii) Appointment and removal of the employees shall be in  
20 accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that  
21 govern skilled service or professional service employees; and

22 (iii) Notwithstanding § 4-201 of the State Personnel and Pensions  
23 Article, upon recommendation of the State Administrator, the State Board shall  
24 determine the fixed rate of compensation of the employees.

25 (d) Each classified employee shall be a registered voter of the State.

26 (e) An employee of a local board is subject to the restrictions and requirements  
27 of § 2-301 of this article.

28 (f) The elections administrator in Prince George's County shall be in the  
29 exempt service under the Prince George's County Personnel System.

30 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-207.

31 No changes are made.



1 Subtitle 3. Provisions Generally Applicable.

2 2-301.

3 (a) This section applies to:

4 (1) A member of the State Board;

5 (2) A regular or substitute member of a local board;

6 (3) The State Administrator;

7 (4) An employee of the State Board or of a local board, including the  
8 election director and the elections administrator of a board;

9 (5) Counsel appointed under § 2-205 of this title; and

10 (6) An election judge.

11 (b) (1) An individual subject to this section may not, while holding the  
12 position:

13 (i) Hold or be a candidate for any elective PUBLIC or political party  
14 office or any other office created under the Constitution or laws of this State;

15 (ii) Use the individual's official authority for the purpose of  
16 influencing or affecting the result of an election; or

17 (iii) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, AS TO  
18 ANY CANDIDATE OR ANY MATTER THAT IS SUBJECT TO AN ELECTION UNDER THIS  
19 ARTICLE:

20 1. [take an] BE A CAMPAIGN MANAGER;

21 2. BE A TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER FOR A CAMPAIGN  
22 FINANCE ENTITY; OR

23 3. TAKE ANY OTHER active part in political management or a  
24 political campaign [related to any candidate or any matter that is subject to an  
25 election under this article].

26 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, AN ELECTION  
27 JUDGE MAY ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, except:

28 (I) [while] WHILE performing official duties on election day[, an  
29 election judge may engage in the activities of a political campaign, other than]; AND

30 (II) BY serving as a campaign manager for a candidate or as the  
31 treasurer for a [candidate or committee]CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-301.

2 This section is revised to incorporate former Art. 33, § 13-201(a), to the  
3 extent the provisions of former Art. 33, § 13-201(a) were not already  
4 incorporated in this section.

5 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration of  
6 the General Assembly, that subsection (b)(2) of this section is revised to  
7 allow an election judge, except on election day, to participate in some  
8 political activities, and thereby resolve the inconsistency between this  
9 section and former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(3), which established an absolute  
10 prohibition against a part-time or temporary employee of the State Board  
11 or a local board serving as a campaign manager, treasurer, or subtreasurer.  
12 The Election Law Article Review Committee calls the resolution of this  
13 inconsistency to the attention of the General Assembly.

14 2-302.

15 (a) (1) The State Board shall be open for business during regular business  
16 hours on each State government workday.

17 (2) The State Board shall remain open until 9 p.m. on the last day for:

18 (i) The filing of a certificate of candidacy for each election  
19 conducted under this article; and

20 (ii) The close of voter registration prior to each election conducted  
21 under this article.

22 (b) (1) Each local board shall be open for business:

23 (i) On each day that is a county government workday in its county;

24 (ii) On each election day; and

25 (iii) Until 9 p.m. on the last day for:

26 1. The filing of a certificate of candidacy for an election  
27 conducted in the county, if a certificate can be filed with the local board;

28 2. The close of voter registration prior to each election held in  
29 the county; and

30 3. The filing of an application by a voter for a change in party  
31 affiliation.

32 (2) The members of each local board shall be available as needed on an  
33 election day and during the canvass of each election.

34 (3) The hours that a local board is open for business:

1 (i) May be the same as the regular business hours of its county  
2 government; or

3 (ii) For the convenience of the public, may be different from the  
4 regular business hours of its county government, except that the number of business  
5 hours the office is open each business day must be at least equivalent to the number  
6 of business hours that the county government is open.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-302.

8 No changes are made.

9 2-303.

10 (a) As it deems it expedient for the convenience of voters, a local board may:

11 (1) Create and alter the boundaries for precincts in the county;

12 (2) Designate the location for polling places in any election district,  
13 ward, or precinct in the county; and

14 (3) Combine or abolish precincts.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a local board may not  
16 create or change a precinct boundary or polling place during the period beginning the  
17 Tuesday that is 13 weeks prior to a primary election, through the day of the general  
18 election.

19 (c) Any precinct boundary established by a local board subsequent to July 1,  
20 1987 shall follow visible features as defined by the Bureau of the Census, United  
21 States Department of Commerce.

22 (d) Within 5 days of creating a new precinct or changing a precinct boundary,  
23 a local board shall send to the State Administrator a written description of the new  
24 boundary and a map of the area involved.

25 (e) (1) Unless the action is approved in advance by the State Administrator,  
26 during the period January 1, in the second year preceding the decennial census,  
27 through December 1, in the second year following the decennial census, a local board  
28 may not create a new precinct or change a precinct boundary.

29 (2) Upon receipt of the written description and map relating to a precinct  
30 boundary established during the period described in paragraph (1) of this subsection,  
31 the State Administrator shall immediately forward the documents to the Secretary of  
32 the Department of Planning and the Executive Director of the Department of  
33 Legislative Services.

34 (f) Notwithstanding any restrictions imposed by this section, subject to the  
35 approval of the State Board, a local board may create a new precinct or change a  
36 precinct boundary if the local board determines that an emergency exists.

1 (g) (1) The regulations adopted by the State Board shall include procedures  
2 for the creation of new precincts and changes to precinct boundaries.

3 (2) A local board may create a new precinct or make a change in a  
4 precinct boundary only in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 2-303.

6 No changes are made.

7 Title 3. Voter Registration.

8 Subtitle 1. Registration - Generally.

9 3-101.

10 (a) The local board in each county shall:

11 (1) Register currently unregistered voters who reside in that county; and

12 (2) Add to the voter registry all currently registered voters who move  
13 into the county from another county in the State.

14 (b) Registration shall be conducted continuously under the supervision of the  
15 State Board and in accordance with the provisions of this title, applicable federal law,  
16 and regulations adopted by the State Board.

17 (c) The local board for each county shall maintain the voter registry for that  
18 county and shall be responsible for its accuracy and currency.

19 (d) A voter:

20 (1) If registered in a county in the State, shall remain registered when  
21 the voter moves to another county in the State; and

22 (2) May not be required to register again unless the voter's registration  
23 is canceled pursuant to Subtitle 5 of this title.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-101.

25 No changes are made.

26 3-102.

27 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may  
28 become registered to vote if the individual:

29 (1) Is a citizen of the United States;

30 (2) Is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of  
31 the next succeeding general or special election;

1 (3) Is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to  
2 register; and

3 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

4 (b) An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

5 (1) Has been convicted of theft or other infamous crime, unless the  
6 individual:

7 (i) Has been pardoned; or

8 (ii) In connection with a first conviction, has completed the  
9 sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation;

10 (2) Is under guardianship for mental disability; or

11 (3) Has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-102.

13 No changes are made.

14 Subtitle 2. Methods of Application.

15 3-201.

16 An individual may apply to become a registered voter:

17 (1) At a local board office or the State Board office;

18 (2) At a registration site administered by a local board;

19 (3) By mail;

20 (4) When applying to the Motor Vehicle Administration for the issuance,  
21 renewal, or modification of a driver's license or identification card;

22 (5) When applying for services at a voter registration agency; or

23 (6) With the assistance of a volunteer authorized by the State or local  
24 board.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-201.

26 No changes are made.

27 3-202.

28 (a) (1) The statewide voter registration application shall:

1 (i) Require the signature of the applicant, subject to the penalties  
2 of perjury, by which the applicant swears or affirms that the information contained in  
3 the registration application is true and that the applicant meets all of the  
4 qualifications to become a registered voter;

5 (ii) State the penalties for the submission of a false application;  
6 AND

7 (iii) Provide the applicant with the opportunity to cancel a current  
8 registration.

9 (2) The following information shall be made available to each applicant  
10 who is completing a statewide voter registration application:

11 (i) The qualifications to become a registered voter;

12 (ii) If an individual declines to register, this fact will remain  
13 confidential and be used only for voter registration purposes;

14 (iii) If an individual registers to vote, the office at which the  
15 application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used only for voter  
16 registration purposes; and

17 (iv) Notification to the applicant that submission of the form to an  
18 individual other than an official, employee, or agent of a local board does not assure  
19 that the form will be filed or filed in a timely manner.

20 (3) The statewide voter registration application may not require:

21 (i) Notarization or other formal authentication; or

22 (ii) Any additional information, other than the information  
23 necessary to enable election officials to determine the eligibility of the applicant and  
24 to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process.

25 (4) (i) A statewide voter registration application shall be produced  
26 exclusively by the State Board.

27 (ii) No other registration form may be used for registration  
28 purposes except:

29 1. A voter registration application produced by a local board  
30 with the approval of the State Board;

31 2. As provided in subsection (b) of this section;

32 3. As provided in § 3-203(b) of this subtitle; or

33 4. Any other form prescribed by federal law for voter  
34 registration.

1 (b) The voter registration application form prescribed by the Federal Election  
2 Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 shall be accepted  
3 by the appropriate election official for purposes of voter registration.

4 (c) The [applications] APPLICATION described in this section may be used by  
5 [registered voters] A REGISTERED VOTER to change [their] THE VOTER'S name,  
6 address, or party affiliation.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-202.

8 The only changes are in style.

9 Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

10 "Local board" § 1-101

11 "State Board" § 1-101

12 3-203.

13 (a) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide the opportunity to apply to  
14 register to vote or update a voter registration record to each individual who:

15 (1) Applies for or renews a driver's license or identification card; or

16 (2) Changes a name or address on an existing driver's license or  
17 identification card.

18 (b) (1) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall inquire orally or in writing  
19 whether the applicant wishes to register to vote or update a voter registration record  
20 during the transactions specified under subsection (a) of this section.

21 (2) If the applicant chooses to register to vote or to update a voter  
22 registration record:

23 (i) All applicable information received by the Motor Vehicle  
24 Administration in the course of completing a transaction under subsection (a) of this  
25 section shall be transferred to a voter registration application;

26 (ii) Any additional necessary information shall be obtained by the  
27 Motor Vehicle Administration and may not duplicate any information already  
28 obtained while completing a transaction under subsection (a) of this section; and

29 (iii) A voter registration application with all of the applicant's voter  
30 registration information shall be presented to the applicant to sign or affirm  
31 electronically.

32 (3) (i) An applicant may decline to register to vote, update the  
33 applicant's voter registration record, or change the applicant's name or address by:

34 1. Affirmatively indicating as such on the application; or

35 2. Failing to sign the voter registration application.

1 (ii) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall maintain declination  
2 information in a manner specified jointly by the Motor Vehicle Administration and  
3 the State Board.

4 (4) Within 5 days of the receipt of an application under subsection (a) of  
5 this section, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall forward to the State Board the  
6 voter registration information in a manner and format specified jointly by the Motor  
7 Vehicle Administration and the State Board.

8 (c) (1) (i) In consultation with the Motor Vehicle Administration, the  
9 State Board shall prepare a voter registration application to be used for voter  
10 registration at the Motor Vehicle Administration.

11 (ii) Except as provided in this section, the voter registration portion  
12 of the application may not require information that duplicates information required  
13 in the driver's license or identification card portion of the application.

14 (2) The voter registration portion of the application shall:

15 (i) Contain the same information as the statewide voter  
16 registration application prescribed in [§ 3-202(b)] § 3-202(A) of this subtitle; and

17 (ii) Require only the minimum amount of information necessary,  
18 including the applicant's telephone number:

19 1. To prevent duplicate voter registration; and

20 2. To enable the appropriate election official to assess the  
21 eligibility of an applicant and to administer voter registration and other aspects of the  
22 election process.

23 (3) The application shall contain a box for the applicant to check, with  
24 the statement, "I do not wish to register to vote at this time".

25 (d) (1) If a driver's license renewal or a change of name or address is not  
26 completed in person with a customer service representative at a Motor Vehicle  
27 Administration office, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall state clearly that:

28 (i) The information will be used for voter registration purposes;  
29 and

30 (ii) The registrant has the right to declare that the information may  
31 not be used for purposes of voter registration.

32 (2) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall follow the procedures  
33 established jointly by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the State Board to  
34 process the voter registration information received under this subsection.



1 (e) Information relating to the failure of an applicant for a driver's license or  
2 identification card to register to vote may not be used for any purpose other than the  
3 maintenance of registration statistics.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-203.

5 In subsection (c)(2)(i) of this section, an erroneous cross-reference is  
6 corrected.

7 No other changes are made.

8 Defined term: "State Board" § 1-101

9 3-204.

10 (a) (1) The State Board shall designate public agencies and  
11 nongovernmental agencies as voter registration agencies where qualified individuals  
12 may apply to register to vote.

13 (2) The State Board shall designate the following offices as voter  
14 registration agencies:

15 (i) All offices in the State that provide public assistance;

16 (ii) All offices in the State that provide State-funded programs  
17 primarily engaged in providing services to individuals with disabilities; and

18 (iii) All public institutions of higher education in the State.

19 (3) The State Board and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly develop  
20 and implement procedures for persons to apply to register to vote at recruitment  
21 offices of the armed forces of the United States, which shall be deemed voter  
22 registration agencies.

23 (b) Except for a public institution of higher education in the State, which  
24 institution shall comply with the requirements of subsection (c) of this section, each  
25 voter registration agency, as provided in subsection (a)(2) and (3) of this section, shall:

26 (1) Distribute a voter registration application approved by the State  
27 Board or the Federal Election Commission with each application for service or  
28 assistance it renders and with each recertification, renewal, or change of address  
29 form relating to such service or assistance;

30 (2) Provide a document to prospective registrants that includes:

31 (i) The question, "If you are not registered to vote where you live  
32 now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?";

33 (ii) If the agency provides public assistance, the statement,  
34 "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of  
35 assistance that you will be provided by this agency.";

1 (iii) Boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the  
2 applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote together with the  
3 statement (in close proximity to the boxes and in prominent type), "If you do not check  
4 either box, you will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at this time.";

5 (iv) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out the voter  
6 registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept  
7 help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private.";

8 (v) The statement, "If you believe that someone has interfered with  
9 your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding  
10 whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own  
11 political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the State  
12 Board of Elections"; and

13 (vi) The address and toll free telephone number of the State Board;

14 (3) Provide each applicant who does not decline to register to vote and  
15 who accepts assistance the same degree of assistance with regard to completion of the  
16 registration application as is provided by the office with regard to the completion of  
17 its own applications, unless the applicant refuses such assistance; and

18 (4) Accept the completed voter registration application for transmittal to  
19 the appropriate election board.

20 (c) At the time that an individual enrolls, registers, or pays for course work  
21 provided by a public institution of higher education in the State, the institution shall  
22 provide the individual with an opportunity to request a voter registration application.  
23 If the individual requests a voter registration application, the institution shall  
24 provide, or cause to be provided, an application to the individual.

25 (d) An applicant may mail the voter registration application to the  
26 appropriate State election official or return it to the voter registration agency for  
27 transmittal to the appropriate election official.

28 (e) Within 5 days from the acceptance of a voter registration application, the  
29 voter registration agency shall forward the application to the appropriate State  
30 election official.

31 (f) If a voter registration agency is an office described in subsection (a)(2)(ii) of  
32 this section, which provides services to an individual with a disability at the  
33 individual's home, the agency shall provide the services described IN SUBSECTION (B)  
34 OF THIS SECTION at the individual's home.

35 (g) (1) An individual who provides any service described in subsection (b) of  
36 this section may not:

37 (i) Seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party  
38 registration;

1 (ii) Display any [such] political preference or party allegiance; or

2 (iii) Make any statement to an applicant or take any action the  
3 purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register  
4 or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

5 (2) No information relating to a declination to register to vote in  
6 connection with an application made at an office designated as a voter registration  
7 agency may be used for any purpose other than the maintenance of voter registration  
8 statistics.

9 (3) Notwithstanding § 3-501 of this title and § 10-611 of the State  
10 Government Article, the identity of a voter registration agency through which a  
11 particular voter has registered may not be disclosed to the public.

12 (h) Regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this section and §  
13 3-203 of this subtitle, including provisions for training the employees of voter  
14 registration agencies and the Motor Vehicle Administration, shall be adopted by the  
15 State Board in cooperation with each agency.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-204.

17 The only changes are in style.

18 Defined term: "State Board" § 1-101

19 Subtitle 3. Administration of Registration.

20 3-301.

21 (a) When a voter registration application is received by a local board, the local  
22 board shall:

23 (1) If the applicant resides in the county of the local board, determine  
24 whether the applicant is qualified to become a registered voter; or

25 (2) If the applicant resides in a different county in the State,  
26 immediately forward the application to the proper county.

27 (b) A qualified applicant shall be added to the voter registry in the voter's  
28 county of residence unless registration is closed pursuant to § 3-302 of this subtitle.

29 (c) (1) The election director in the county where an applicant resides shall  
30 send a voter acknowledgment notice, in a format prescribed by the State Board, to  
31 each applicant informing the applicant whether he or she is qualified to become  
32 registered, and, if not qualified, the reasons why.

33 (2) (i) A voter notification card sent to a qualified applicant may serve  
34 as a voter acknowledgment notice.

1 (ii) 1. The voter notification card shall contain the name and  
2 address of the voter, the date of issue, and the district or ward and precinct of the  
3 voter.

4 2. The card is evidence that the individual to whom it is  
5 issued is a registered voter on the date appearing on the card.

6 3. The election director shall issue a replacement card on  
7 request of the voter and a new card when a relevant change is made in the voter's  
8 registration record.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-301.

10 No changes are made.

11 3-302.

12 (a) (1) Registration is closed between 9 p.m. on the 5th Monday preceding  
13 any primary election, special primary election, general election, or special election  
14 and the 11th day after that election.

15 (2) Beginning with the primary election in 2000, and for any subsequent  
16 election prior to the primary election in 2002, registration is closed beginning at 9  
17 p.m. on the 25th day preceding the election until the 11th day after that election.

18 (3) Beginning with the primary election in 2002, and for any subsequent  
19 election, registration is closed beginning at 9 p.m. on the 21st day preceding an  
20 election until the 11th day after that election.

21 (b) A voter registration application received when registration is closed shall  
22 be accepted and retained by a local board, but the registration of the applicant does  
23 not become effective until registration reopens.

24 (c) A voter registration application that is received by the local board after the  
25 close of registration shall be considered timely received for the next election provided:

26 (1) There is sufficient evidence, as determined by the local board  
27 pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board, that the application was mailed  
28 on or before registration was closed for that election; or

29 (2) The application was submitted by the voter to the Motor Vehicle  
30 Administration, a voter registration agency, another local board, or the State Board  
31 prior to the close of registration.

32 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-302.

33 No changes are made.

1 3-303.

2 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a local board, at the  
3 signed request of a registered voter, shall change that voter's party affiliation, or  
4 change the voter to or from a decline, at any time that registration is open unless the  
5 request is received during the following time periods:

6 (1) From 9 p.m. on the Monday, or the next regular business day if the  
7 Monday is a legal holiday, that is 12 weeks before the day on which a primary election  
8 is to be held under § 8-201 of this article, until and including the day on which the  
9 registration reopens after the primary election is held; and

10 (2) From and including the day of issuance of a gubernatorial  
11 proclamation calling a special election, pursuant to § 8-709 of this article, or from 5  
12 p.m. on the next regular business day if the day of issuance is a legal holiday, until  
13 and including the day on which that special election is held.

14 (b) If a registered voter changes residence from one county to another within  
15 the State, the voter may change party affiliation or change to or from a decline at any  
16 time when registering with the new county of residence.

17 (c) An individual whose registration has been canceled at the individual's  
18 request within a period closed to changes in party affiliation may not reregister in the  
19 same county during the same period with a party affiliation or nonaffiliation different  
20 from the previous registration.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-303.

22 No changes are made.

23 3-304.

24 (a) (1) Notification of a change of address or of a change of name may be  
25 made:

26 (i) By information provided on a voter registration application by  
27 the same methods provided for registration pursuant to Subtitle 2 of this title;

28 (ii) By written notice, signed by the voter and sent by mail or  
29 otherwise delivered to the local board in the county where the voter is currently  
30 registered or to which the voter has moved;

31 (iii) By making application in person at the office of the local board  
32 in the county where the voter is currently registered or to which the voter has moved;

33 (iv) By information on a voter authority card or other appropriate  
34 form filled out in a polling place; or

35 (v) By changing a name or address with the Motor Vehicle  
36 Administration.

1 (2) Except as provided by regulations adopted by the State Board, name  
2 and address changes may not be effected by the local board when registration is  
3 closed.

4 (b) (1) A local board, pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board,  
5 shall determine whether a request for a name or address change is from the  
6 registered voter.

7 (2) If the local board is satisfied that the request for a name or address  
8 change is from the voter, the local board shall:

9 (i) If the request is from a voter currently registered in and  
10 continuing to reside in that county, change the voter's record and send the voter a new  
11 voter notification card;

12 (ii) If the request is from a voter currently registered in that county  
13 but moving to another county in the State, forward a copy of the request to the new  
14 county of residence and, on receipt of confirmation from the new county of residence,  
15 remove the voter from the county voter registry;

16 (iii) If the request is from a voter currently registered in that county  
17 but moving outside the State, remove the voter from the county voter registry; or

18 (iv) If the request is from a voter currently registered in another  
19 county in the State but moving to that county, add the voter to the county voter  
20 registry and send the voter a new voter notification card.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-304.

22 No changes are made.

23 Subtitle 4. Municipal Registration.

24 3-401.

25 In this subtitle, "universal registration" means an election administration in  
26 which the list of individuals eligible to vote in a municipal election includes those  
27 residents of the municipal corporation who are registered to vote with the local board  
28 for the county in which the individual's residence is located.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-401.

30 No changes are made.

31 3-402.

32 This subtitle does not apply to a municipal corporation that:

33 (1) Does not require voter registration for its elections;

1 (2) Prior to January 1, 1990, used the voter registry supplied by the local  
2 board as qualification for voting in municipal elections; or

3 (3) Provides for the local board to conduct municipal elections.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-402.

5 No changes are made.

6 3-403.

7 (a) A voter residing in a municipal corporation is [deemed] CONSIDERED to be  
8 registered for elections in that municipal corporation if the voter is registered with  
9 the local board for the county in which the municipal corporation is located.

10 (b) (1) Not less than 6 months prior to its municipal election, each municipal  
11 corporation shall submit a request to the appropriate local board for the development  
12 of a plan and a schedule to implement universal registration.

13 (2) The application shall include the name of the individual designated  
14 as the municipal corporation liaison who is responsible for working with the local  
15 board in the development of the plan and the schedule for implementation of the plan.

16 (c) Within 10 days after receipt of the application, the local board shall  
17 respond to the municipal corporation liaison and shall designate a local board liaison.

18 (d) At a mutually agreed upon time, the local board liaison and the municipal  
19 corporation liaison shall conduct meetings with other appropriate individuals, if  
20 required, for the purpose of developing a schedule and plan for implementing  
21 registration under this title.

22 (e) The plan shall include:

23 (1) Procedures for identifying by geographical reference the municipal  
24 boundaries, precincts, wards, or districts and the methods for including this  
25 information in the county's voter registration system;

26 (2) Information on whether the municipal corporation wants the  
27 exclusion or inclusion of political party affiliation on the voter registry, and whether  
28 the local board can provide the exclusion or inclusion;

29 (3) The format of the certified voter registry, and whether it is to be  
30 divided according to a registrant's municipal polling place;

31 (4) Information on whether:

32 (i) The dates of birth are to be printed on the certified registry;

33 (ii) The names of registrants under the age of 18 years are to be  
34 included on the lists; and

1 (iii) The board can provide these exclusions or inclusions;

2 (5) The timing for furnishing the certified list of registered voters for use  
3 in the municipal elections, including the deadline for accepting voter registration  
4 applications of those individuals residing in the municipal corporation prior to the  
5 municipal elections;

6 (6) Procedures for obtaining, updating, and maintaining in the county's  
7 files the voter history of registrants who vote in municipal elections; and

8 (7) Procedures for obtaining, updating, and maintaining changes to the  
9 boundaries of the municipal corporation, the precincts, the wards, or the districts that  
10 result from annexations, subdivision development, street name changes, or street  
11 abandonments.

12 (f) (1) The local board shall provide to a municipal corporation at no cost a  
13 certified list of registered voters residing within the boundaries of the municipal  
14 corporation in compliance with the plan established pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
15 section.

16 (2) (i) On request by a municipal corporation, the local board shall  
17 also provide at no cost [upon a request of a municipal corporation] a certified list of  
18 registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the municipal corporation 90  
19 days prior to the municipal election. The request for this preliminary list of voters  
20 shall be made to the board before or during the negotiations authorized in subsection  
21 (d) of this section.

22 (ii) Within 20 days after receiving the preliminary list of registered  
23 voters, a municipal corporation shall notify the local board of any potential errors in  
24 the list of registered voters, including errors in the residency of registered voters.

25 (iii) If the actual residency of any individual listed on the voter  
26 registry is in doubt, the local board shall notify the individual in accordance with §  
27 3-504 of this title within 10 days after receiving notification from the municipal  
28 corporation.

29 (g) This section may not be construed to prohibit a municipal corporation from  
30 administering and maintaining a supplemental list of those individuals who are not  
31 registered with the county board but who may otherwise be qualified to register to  
32 vote with the municipal corporation.

33 (h) (1) Whenever the registration of any voter is removed for any reason  
34 from the supplemental voter registry maintained by the municipal corporation, the  
35 municipal corporation shall send a notice of this action and the reason for the action  
36 to the last known address of the voter.

37 (2) The voter shall be given at least 15 days to respond to indicate  
38 whether the voter wishes to remain on the municipal corporation's voter registry.



1 (3) If the voter wishes to remain on the list and continues to be qualified  
2 under the municipal corporation's voter registration requirements, the voter's name  
3 shall be reinstated to the municipal corporation's supplemental voter registry upon  
4 written request of the voter.

5 (i) (1) The State shall reimburse a local board or a county government for  
6 reasonable initial set-up costs of implementing the plan for universal registration,  
7 including the costs associated with:

8 (i) The identification of the appropriate boundaries;

9 (ii) The identification of voters who are to be included in the local  
10 board files for municipal or county registration; and

11 (iii) The modification of the local board's registration system that is  
12 necessary to implement the universal registration plan.

13 (2) The local board shall request and, subject to the approval of the State  
14 Board, receive a reimbursement for these costs from a fund administered by the State  
15 Board. The initial set-up costs incurred directly by a municipal corporation may be  
16 reimbursed for circumstances authorized by the State Board.

17 (j) Upon request by the municipal corporation, the local board shall provide  
18 voter registration forms to the municipal corporation.

19 (k) The State Board shall cooperate with the local boards and municipal  
20 election officials to effectuate the provisions of this section.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-403.

22 In subsection (f)(2)(i) of this section, the former phrase "upon a request of a  
23 municipal corporation" is deleted as redundant.

24 The only other changes are in style.

25 Subtitle 5. Voter Registry.

26 3-501.

27 Each local board, pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board, shall:

28 (1) Maintain the registry of voters in the county;

29 (2) Ensure the currency and accuracy of each individual voter's  
30 registration record;

31 (3) Produce precinct registers for use in polling places on election day;  
32 and

33 (4) Maintain voting history information on a current basis for a period  
34 covering at least the 5 preceding years.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-501.

2 No changes are made.

3 3-502.

4 An election director may remove a voter from the registry only:

5 (1) At the request of the voter, provided the request is:

6 (i) Signed by the voter;

7 (ii) Authenticated by the election director; and

8 (iii) In a format acceptable to the local board or on a cancellation  
9 notice provided by the voter on a voter registration application;

10 (2) Upon determining, based on information provided pursuant to §  
11 3-505 of this subtitle, that the voter is no longer eligible because:

12 (i) The voter is not qualified to be a registered voter as provided in  
13 § 3-102(b) of this title; or

14 (ii) The voter is deceased; or

15 (3) If the voter has moved outside the local board's jurisdiction, as  
16 determined by conducting the procedures established in § 3-504 of this subtitle.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-502.

18 No changes are made.

19 3-503.

20 In order to identify voters who have changed their addresses, each local board  
21 shall establish and conduct a program that:

22 (1) Is approved by the State Board;

23 (2) Complies with this section, regulations adopted by the State Board,  
24 and any relevant federal law; and

25 (3) Is completed at least 90 days before an election.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-503.

27 No changes are made.

28 3-504.

29 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (2) "Confirmation notice" means a notice, approved by the State Board,  
2 that is sent by forwardable mail with a return card.

3 (3) "Return card" means a postage prepaid and preaddressed card on  
4 which the voter may report the voter's current address.

5 (b) Upon receiving any information that a voter currently registered in the  
6 county has moved to a different address within the county, the election director shall  
7 change the voter's record temporarily and send the voter a confirmation notice.

8 (c) If it appears from information provided by the postal service or an agency  
9 specified in § 3-505(b) of this subtitle that a voter has moved to a different address  
10 outside the county, the election director shall send the voter a confirmation notice  
11 informing the voter of his or her potential inactive status as described in subsection (f)  
12 of this section.

13 (d) Upon receipt of a return card, the election director shall make any needed  
14 corrections in the Board's records to reflect the voter's current residence.

15 (e) The election director may not remove a voter from the registry on the  
16 grounds of a change of address unless:

17 (1) The voter confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to  
18 a location outside the county in which the voter is registered; or

19 (2) (i) The voter has failed to respond to the confirmation notice; and

20 (ii) The voter has not voted or appeared to vote (and, if necessary,  
21 corrected the record of the voter's address) in an election during the period beginning  
22 with the date of the notice through the next two general elections.

23 (f) (1) If a voter fails to respond to a confirmation notice sent based on  
24 information that the voter moved to a different residence outside the local board's  
25 jurisdiction, the voter's name shall be placed on a list of inactive voters.

26 (2) Upon written affirmation that an inactive voter remains a resident of  
27 the same county, the voter may be allowed to vote either at the election district or  
28 precinct for the voter's current residence or the voter's previous residence, as  
29 determined by the State Board, and shall be restored to the registry.

30 (3) An inactive voter who fails to vote in an election in the period ending  
31 with the second general election shall be removed from the registry.

32 (4) Individuals whose names have been placed on the inactive list may  
33 not be counted as part of the registry.

34 (5) Registrants placed on the inactive list shall be counted only for  
35 purposes of voting and not for [such] official administrative purposes [as]  
36 INCLUDING petition signature verification, establishing precincts, and reporting  
37 official statistics.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-504.

2 The only changes are in style.

3 3-505.

4 (a) (1) (i) Information from the agencies specified in this paragraph shall  
5 be reported to the State Board in a format and at times prescribed by the State Board.

6 (ii) The Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City and the health  
7 officer of each county shall report the names and residence addresses (if known) of all  
8 individuals at least 16 years of age reported deceased within the city or county since  
9 the date of the last [such] report.

10 (iii) The clerk of the circuit court for each county and the  
11 administrative clerk for each District Court shall report the names and addresses of  
12 all individuals convicted, in the respective court, of theft or infamous crimes since the  
13 date of the last [such] report.

14 (iv) The clerk of the circuit court for each county shall report the  
15 former and present names and residence addresses (if known) of all individuals whose  
16 names have been changed by decree or order of the court since the date of the last  
17 report.

18 (2) The State Board shall make arrangements with the clerk of the  
19 United States District Court for the District of Maryland to receive reports of names  
20 and addresses, if available, of individuals convicted of infamous crimes in that court.

21 (b) (1) The State Board shall transmit to the appropriate local board  
22 information gathered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

23 (2) Every agency or instrumentality of any county which acquires or  
24 condemns or razes or causes to be condemned or razed any building used as a  
25 residence within the county shall promptly report [such] THIS fact and the location of  
26 the building to the local board in the county or city.

27 (3) Registration cancellation information provided by an applicant on  
28 any voter registration application shall be provided to the appropriate local board by  
29 the State Board or another local board.

30 (4) A local board may:

31 (i) Make arrangements to receive change of address information  
32 from an entity approved by the State Board; and

33 (ii) Pay a reasonable fee to the entity for the information.

34 (c) (1) Whenever a local board becomes aware of an obituary or any other  
35 reliable report of the death of a registered voter, the election director shall mail a

1 notice to the registered voter, as prescribed by the State Board, to verify whether the  
2 voter is in fact deceased.

3 (2) On receipt of a verification of the death of a voter, provided in  
4 accordance with the notice mailed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the election  
5 director may remove the voter from the registry under § 3-502 of this subtitle.

6 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-505.

7 The only changes are in style.

8 3-506.

9 (a) For the purpose of public inspection, original voter registration records:

10 (1) Except upon the special order of the local board, shall be available at  
11 all times when a local board is open; and

12 (2) May not be removed from the office of the local board except:

13 (i) On order of a court; or

14 (ii) For temporary removal solely for purposes of data processing.

15 (b) The State Board shall adopt regulations relating to reasonable access by  
16 the public to original voter registration application forms.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-506.

18 No changes are made.

19 3-507.

20 (a) A copy of a voter registration list shall be provided to a Maryland  
21 registered voter upon receipt of:

22 (1) A written application; and

23 (2) A statement, signed under oath, that the list is not intended to be  
24 used for purposes of:

25 (i) Commercial solicitation; or

26 (ii) Any other purpose not related to the electoral process.

27 (b) The State Board shall adopt regulations, in consultation with the local  
28 boards, specifying:

29 (1) When registration lists shall be provided;

30 (2) Any authorization to be required for providing registration lists;

- 1 (3) The fee for providing registration lists;
- 2 (4) The information to be included;
- 3 (5) The format of the information; and
- 4 (6) The medium or media on which the information shall be supplied.

5 (c) Any individual who knowingly allows a registration list under [his or her]  
6 THE INDIVIDUAL'S control to be used for commercial solicitation or any other purpose  
7 not related to the electoral process is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished  
8 under the provisions of Title 16 of this article.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-507.

10 The only changes are in style.

11 3-508.

12 (a) (1) The State Board shall adopt regulations for the retention and storage  
13 of original voter registration applications and other records the State Board considers  
14 appropriate.

15 (2) Records stored and retained in a local board office shall be open to  
16 public inspection.

17 (b) (1) Consistent with regulations adopted by the State Board, local boards  
18 shall maintain for at least 2 years all records concerning programs to ensure the  
19 accuracy and currency of the voter registry.

20 (2) Except for records concerning a declination to register or the identity  
21 of a voter registration agency through which a particular voter applies for  
22 registration, the records described in paragraph (1) of this subsection are accessible  
23 under Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part III of the State Government Article (Access to Public  
24 Records).

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-508.

26 No changes are made.

27 3-509.

28 (a) Within 15 days after the commencement of the period under § 3-303(a) of  
29 this title in which registered voters are not allowed to change party affiliation or  
30 change to or from a decline, and at other times as directed by the State Board, each  
31 local board shall submit to the State Board a report of registration setting forth the  
32 following information, as shown on the registry of the respective local board as of the  
33 date of the commencement of the period:

34 (1) The name of each political party with which one or more registered  
35 voters in their respective jurisdiction are then affiliated; and

1           (2)     The total number of registered voters affiliated with each such  
2 political party.

3       (b)     Within 5 days after the receipt of all reports of registration from local  
4 boards, the State Board shall determine and issue a statement of registration setting  
5 forth, on the basis of the reports of registration received from the local boards, the  
6 following:

7           (1)     The name of each political party with which one or more registered  
8 voters in the State are affiliated;

9           (2)     The total number of registered voters affiliated with each such  
10 political party;

11          (3)     The total number of registered voters in the State; and

12          (4)     The percentage of the total number of registered voters in the State  
13 that are affiliated with each such political party, such percentage to be carried out to  
14 two or more decimal places.

15       (c)     Each board shall provide reports of registration and other registration  
16 related activity as may be required by the State.

17       (d)     The statements of registration shall be retained in the office of the [State  
18 Administrative Board of Election Laws] STATE BOARD for a period of at least 6 years  
19 and shall be available for inspection during normal working hours by any interested  
20 person.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-509.

22       In subsection (d) of this section, the defined term "State Board" is  
23 substituted for the former reference to the "State Administrative Board of  
24 Election Laws" for clarity.

25       No other changes are made.

26 Defined terms: "Local board" § 1-101

27       "Political party" § 1-101

28       "State Board" § 1-101

29                    Subtitle 6. Resolution of Registration Disputes and Challenges.

30 3-601.

31       (a)     An individual whose voter registration information is not included in the  
32 precinct register shall be allowed to vote by a provisional ballot upon receiving and  
33 completing a temporary certificate of registration.

34       (b)     A temporary certificate of registration shall be issued by an election judge  
35 at the precinct if the individual:

1 (1) Provides proof of identity, as prescribed by the State Board by  
2 regulation[.]; AND

3 (2) Completes an application for a temporary certificate of registration in  
4 which the applicant affirms under penalty of perjury that the applicant:

5 (i) Has not voted in the current election in any other precinct in  
6 the State or any other state;

7 (ii) Has, within the last 2 years, made a good faith effort to register  
8 to vote or to update a voter registration record as demonstrated by the applicant  
9 indicating:

10 1. The voter registration agency where the applicant  
11 registered to vote or updated a voter registration record;

12 2. The approximate date when the applicant registered or  
13 updated a voter registration record; and

14 3. Any additional information required by the State Board;

15 (iii) Identifies any counties in Maryland where the applicant has  
16 voted in past elections;

17 (iv) Is a current resident of the county in which the applicant seeks  
18 to vote;

19 (v) Provides the applicant's current address and telephone number;

20 (vi) Meets the qualifications to register to vote; and

21 (vii) Meets any other criteria developed by the State Board for a  
22 temporary certificate of registration.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-601.

24 The only changes are in style.

25 3-602.

26 (a) (1) An individual who feels aggrieved by any action of a local board  
27 regarding voter registration may file a challenge with that local board.

28 (2) A registered voter may file a challenge with the appropriate local  
29 board objecting to the addition or omission of an individual from the registry.

30 (3) A municipal corporation may file a challenge with the appropriate  
31 local board if the municipal corporation has reason to believe that an individual has  
32 been erroneously added to or omitted from the municipal corporation registry.



1           (4)   (i)    A local board may initiate the challenge procedures if the local  
2 board has reason to believe that a registration has been erroneously added to or  
3 omitted from the registry other than by clerical error.

4           (ii)   If a local board corrects a clerical error on the registry, the local  
5 board shall inform the voter whose registration information was changed.

6   (b)   (1)    An aggrieved individual or a municipal corporation shall file a  
7 challenge on a form, approved by the State Board, stating under oath the basis for the  
8 challenge.

9           (2)    A challenge filed during the 45 days prior to an election may not be  
10 heard until after that election.

11   (c)   (1)    Within 5 days of a challenge being filed pursuant to subsection (a)(1)  
12 or (2) of this section, or within 5 days of a determination by a local board that a  
13 registration has been erroneously added or omitted, the local board shall:

14           (i)    Schedule a hearing that shall be held no sooner than 10 days  
15 and no later than 15 days after the determination or receipt of a challenge;

16           (ii)   If applicable, send a notice of the hearing [by certified mail] to  
17 the challenger and advise the challenger of the requirement to appear at the hearing  
18 to substantiate the application or objection by affirmative proof; and

19           (iii)   Send a notice of the hearing, and a statement of the reason for  
20 the hearing, to the individual who is the subject of the challenge.

21           (2)    A notice under this subsection shall be sent by certified mail.

22           (3)    A notice under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection shall be addressed  
23 to the individual's most recent address as reflected by the registration records.

24           (4)    An individual specified in paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection may  
25 appear in person or by counsel.

26   (d)   (1)    The local board shall conduct the hearing on each challenge.

27           (2)    The willful failure of the challenger to appear at a hearing under this  
28 section shall be punishable by the penalties provided in § 16-1001 of this article.

29           (3)    At the request of a party, or on its own motion, the local board shall  
30 issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and testify at the hearings.

31           (4)    Witnesses at the hearings shall be sworn.

32   (e)   (1)    All challenges shall be decided promptly after the hearing.

33           (2)    An individual may not be removed from the registry unless the  
34 individual's ineligibility is substantiated by affirmative proof. In the absence of such  
35 proof, the presumption shall be that the individual is properly registered.

1 (3) If the local board determines that an individual should be added to or  
2 removed from the registry, the local board immediately shall add or remove the  
3 individual and notify the individual, by first class mail, of the board's action.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-602.

5 In subsection (c)(1)(ii) of this section, the former phrase "by certified mail"  
6 is deleted as redundant in light of subsection (c)(2) of this section.

7 No other changes are made.

8 Defined terms: "Local board" § 1-101

9 "State Board" § 1-101

10 3-603.

11 (a) (1) A party who is aggrieved by the final decision in a hearing by a local  
12 board is entitled to judicial review of the decision as provided in this section.

13 (2) (i) A petition for judicial review shall be filed with the circuit court  
14 of the county in which the local board is located.

15 (ii) The petition may be brought at any time, except that it may not  
16 be later than the third Tuesday preceding the next succeeding election.

17 (b) (1) The court, upon the presentation of evidence satisfactory to it, in its  
18 discretion may dispose of the matter summarily or in its discretion otherwise set the  
19 matter for hearing.

20 (2) Upon appropriate order of the court the local board shall make the  
21 required corrections.

22 (c) In determining whether an individual is or is not a resident of an election  
23 district or precinct, the presumption shall be that an individual shown to have  
24 acquired a residence in one locality retains that residence until it is affirmatively  
25 shown that the individual has acquired a residence elsewhere.

26 (d) (1) An appeal may be taken from any ruling of the circuit court to the  
27 Court of Special Appeals.

28 (2) The appeal shall be taken within 5 days from the date of the decision  
29 by the circuit court and the appeal shall be heard and decided by the Court of Special  
30 Appeals as soon after the transmission of the record as practicable.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-603.

32 No changes are made.

1 Title 4. Political Parties.

2 Subtitle 1. Formation of Political Parties.

3 4-101.

4 Except as to a matter of compelling State interest, if any provision of this title  
5 relating to party governance conflicts with the constitution and bylaws of a political  
6 party, the constitution and bylaws shall apply to the extent of the conflict.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-101.

8 No changes are made.

9 4-102.

10 (a) Any group of registered voters may form a new political party by:

11 (1) Filing with the State Board on the prescribed form a petition meeting  
12 the requirements of subsection (b) of this section and of Title 6 of this article; and

13 (2) Adopting and filing an interim constitution and bylaws in accordance  
14 with subsection (e) of this section.

15 (b) (1) The petition shall state:

16 (i) The partisan organization's intent to organize a State political  
17 party;

18 (ii) The name of the partisan organization;

19 (iii) The name and signature of the State chairman of the partisan  
20 organization; and

21 (iv) The names and addresses of 25 registered voters, including the  
22 State chairman, who shall be designated as constituting the initial governing body of  
23 the partisan organization.

24 (2) (i) Appended to the petition shall be papers bearing the signatures  
25 of at least 10,000 registered voters who are eligible to vote in the State as of the [1st]  
26 FIRST day of the month in which the petition is submitted.

27 (ii) Signatures on the petition must have been affixed to the  
28 petition not more than 2 years before the filing date of the last qualifying signature.

29 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a petition for  
30 the formation of a new political party, or any additional signatures to a petition, may  
31 be filed at any time.

32 (2) A petition for the formation of a new political party, or any additional  
33 signatures to a petition, may be filed:

1 (i) In the year of an election at which the President is elected  
2 except:

3 1. During the period of time that registration is closed before  
4 and after a primary election in accordance with § 3-302(a) of this article; and

5 2. After the first Monday in August until registration  
6 reopens after the general election in accordance with § 3-302(a) of this article;

7 (ii) In the year of an election at which the Governor is elected,  
8 except after the first Monday in August until registration reopens after the general  
9 election in accordance with § 3-302(a) of this article; or

10 (iii) When a special primary election and a special election are  
11 proclaimed by the Governor in accordance with § 8-710 of this article except:

12 1. After the fifth Monday before the special primary election  
13 through the tenth day following the special primary election; and

14 2. After the fifth Monday before the special election through  
15 the fifteenth day following the special election.

16 (d) (1) (i) If the petition is certified under Title 6 of this article, the State  
17 Board shall promptly notify the State chairman of the partisan organization.

18 (ii) Upon the filing of a constitution and bylaws with the State  
19 Board by a partisan organization in accordance with subsection (e) of this section, the  
20 State Board shall:

21 1. Review the constitution and bylaws to determine whether  
22 the constitution and bylaws meet the requirements of subsection (e) of this section;  
23 and

24 2. If the constitution and bylaws meet the requirements of  
25 subsection (e) of this section, promptly notify the partisan organization designated in  
26 the petition that it is considered a State political party for the purposes of this article.

27 (2) If the petition does not meet the requirements of this section and of  
28 Title 6 of this article:

29 (i) The State Board shall declare the petition insufficient;

30 (ii) The partisan organization is not a State political party for the  
31 purposes of this article; and

32 (iii) The State Board shall promptly notify the State chairman of the  
33 partisan organization.

34 (e) (1) The constitution and bylaws of a new political party shall:

35 (i) Comply with the requirements of § 4-204 of this title; and

1 (ii) Be adopted by the individuals designated in the petition as the  
2 initial governing body at an organizational meeting held within 90 days after the date  
3 of the filing of the last qualifying signature on its petition.

4 (2) The individual designated in the petition as the State chairman of  
5 the political party shall convene the organizational meeting under paragraph (1)(ii) of  
6 this subsection and shall preside as president pro tem of the meeting until party  
7 officers are elected.

8 (f) Unless a new political party is required to hold a primary election to  
9 nominate its candidates under Title 8 of this article, the new political party may  
10 nominate its candidates by:

11 (1) Petition in accordance with Title 5 of this article; or

12 (2) If at least 1% of the State's registered voters, as of January 1 in the  
13 year of the election, are affiliated with the political party, convention in accordance  
14 with rules adopted by the political party.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-102.

16 The only changes are in style.

17 4-103.

18 (a) (1) Unless extended pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a new  
19 political party shall retain its status as a political party until December 31 in the year  
20 of the second statewide general election following the party's qualification under §  
21 4-102 of this subtitle.

22 (2) [Thereafter, the] THE political party shall retain its status as a  
23 political party through either of the following:

24 (i) If the political party has nominated a candidate for the highest  
25 office on the ballot in a statewide general election, and the candidate receives at least  
26 1% of the total vote for that office, the political party shall retain its status through  
27 December 31 in the year of the next following general election; or

28 (ii) If the State voter registration totals, as of December 31, show  
29 that at least 1% of the State's registered voters are affiliated with the political party,  
30 the political party shall retain its status until the next following December 31.

31 (b) The State Board shall promptly notify the State chairman of a group that  
32 loses its status as a political party.

33 (c) A group that loses its status as a political party may regain that status  
34 only by complying with all the requirements for qualifying as a new party under §  
35 4-101 of this subtitle.

36 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-103.

1 The only changes are in style.

2 Subtitle 2. Political Party Governing Bodies.

3 4-201.

4 (a) Each political party shall have a State central committee that:

5 (1) Is the governing body of the political party; and

6 (2) May be composed of the members of the central committees of the  
7 counties during their terms in office.

8 (b) (1) A party's State central committee shall select the chairman or  
9 co-chairmen of the party State central committee.

10 (2) The chairman or co-chairmen shall be residents of the State during  
11 their tenure in office.

12 (c) A party's State central committee shall determine its own rules of  
13 procedure, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-201.

15 No changes are made.

16 4-202.

17 (a) (1) A principal political party shall elect the members of the county  
18 central committee at a primary election.

19 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or § 4-203 of this  
20 subtitle, the central committee for a county shall consist of the number of members  
21 determined by the party's constitution.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the party  
23 central committee for each county shall select the chairman of that county's party  
24 central committee.

25 (2) In Baltimore County, the Chairman of the Republican Party Central  
26 Committee shall be elected at large.

27 (c) (1) An individual elected to serve as a member of a party central  
28 committee shall be a resident of the county in which that central committee is located.

29 (2) (i) An individual elected from a county who ceases to reside in that  
30 county shall be considered to have resigned and may not continue to serve on the  
31 central committee.

1 (ii) An individual elected from a specific legislative district who  
2 ceases to reside in that district shall be considered to have resigned and may not  
3 continue to serve on the central committee.

4 (d) (1) (i) An individual selected to fill a vacancy in a party central  
5 committee shall be a resident of the county in which that central committee is located.

6 (ii) An individual selected to fill a vacancy of a member elected  
7 from a specific legislative district in a party central committee shall be a resident of  
8 that legislative district.

9 (2) Upon relinquishing residency in the county or legislative district in  
10 which a member of a party central committee was selected to fill a vacancy, the  
11 member shall be considered to have resigned.

12 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a vacancy in  
13 the party central committee for a county, or for a legislative district of Baltimore City,  
14 Anne Arundel County, or Baltimore County, shall be filled by the remaining members  
15 of the committee elected from that county or legislative district.

16 (2) If a political party does not have county central committees or central  
17 committees for legislative districts, vacancies shall be filled in accordance with party  
18 rules.

19 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the tenure in  
20 office of a member of the central committee of any political party shall:

21 (i) Begin at the time the results of that election are certified; and

22 (ii) Continue to the extent of any extension in time between  
23 primary elections by reason of any change in the date of holding primary elections by  
24 a political party in the State.

25 (2) The tenure in office of a member of the Republican Party Central  
26 Committee shall begin on the [fourteenth] 14TH day following the gubernatorial  
27 general election.

28 (3) For purposes of this subsection, upon relinquishing residency in the  
29 county, a member of a party central committee shall be considered to have resigned.

30 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-202.

31 The only changes are in style.

32 4-203.

33 (a) In Anne Arundel County, the members of the Democratic and Republican  
34 Party Central Committees for the County shall be elected as follows:

35 (1) Three members shall be elected from each legislative district wholly  
36 contained within Anne Arundel County; and

1           (2)     One member shall be elected from that portion within Anne Arundel  
2 County of any legislative district that is partially contained within Anne Arundel  
3 County.

4       (b)     (1)     In Baltimore City, the members of the Democratic Party Central  
5 Committee shall be elected from the legislative districts of Baltimore City as follows:

6           (i)     Five members shall be elected from the Baltimore City part of  
7 each of the eight legislative districts in which all or a majority of the population  
8 resides in Baltimore City; and

9           (ii)    One member shall be elected from the Baltimore City part of  
10 each of the two legislative districts in which a minority of the population resides in  
11 Baltimore City.

12       (2)     (i)     The members of the Republican Party Central Committee shall  
13 be elected from each [City Council] COUNCILMANIC district of Baltimore City.

14           (ii)    Four members shall be elected from each [City Council]  
15 COUNCILMANIC district.

16       (c)     (1)     Except as provided in paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, in  
17 Baltimore County, members of the party central committees may not run at large.

18       (2)     The Republican Party Central Committee shall consist of:

19           (i)     Four members elected from each councilmanic district in the  
20 county; and

21           (ii)    A chairman elected from the county at large.

22       (3)     For the Democratic Party Central Committee:

23           (i)     Fifteen members, five from each district, shall be elected from  
24 legislative districts 7, 9, and 11, each district being located wholly within Baltimore  
25 County;

26           (ii)    Five members shall be elected from that part of legislative  
27 district 6 that is located in Baltimore County;

28           (iii)   Five members shall be elected from that part of legislative  
29 district 8 that is located in Baltimore County;

30           (iv)    Four members shall be elected from that part of legislative  
31 district 10 that is located in Baltimore County;

32           (v)     Three members shall be elected from that part of legislative  
33 district 12 that is located in Baltimore County;

34           (vi)    Two members shall be elected from that part of legislative  
35 district 42 that is located in Baltimore County;



1 (vii) One member shall be elected from that part of legislative  
2 district 46 that is located in Baltimore County; and

3 (viii) Two members shall be elected from that part of legislative  
4 district 47 that is located in Baltimore County.

5 (4) Only individuals affiliated with the Democratic Party and who are  
6 registered to vote in Baltimore County may vote for the election of members to the  
7 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee under this section.

8 (5) The number of Democratic Party Central Committee members to be  
9 elected from each legislative district, or portion of legislative district, in Baltimore  
10 County shall be determined upon completion of each legislative districting.

11 (d) In Calvert County, the Democratic Party Central Committee consists of  
12 nine members elected by the voters of the County at large as follows:

13 (1) Two members who reside in the first election district and receive the  
14 largest number of votes cast for candidates from that district;

15 (2) Two members who reside in the second election district and receive  
16 the largest number of votes cast for candidates from that district;

17 (3) Two members who reside in the third election district and receive the  
18 largest number of votes cast for candidates from that district; and

19 (4) Three members who reside in Calvert County and who receive the  
20 highest number of votes cast in Calvert County for the remaining candidates.

21 (e) In Carroll County, the Republican Party Central Committee shall consist  
22 of seven members elected at large.

23 (f) (1) In Montgomery County:

24 (i) The Republican Party Central Committee consists of 19  
25 members; and

26 (ii) The Democratic Party Central Committee consists of 23  
27 members.

28 (2) For each of those two party central committees:

29 (i) Two members are elected from each of the legislative districts  
30 that lie wholly within Montgomery County;

31 (ii) One member is elected from the Montgomery County part of  
32 each legislative district which is partially within Montgomery County; and

33 (iii) The remainder shall be elected at large.

1           (3)     Any vacancy in a seat on a party central committee held initially by a  
2 member elected from a legislative district shall be filled by a person residing in that  
3 district.

4           (4)     Any reference to the Democratic Party Central Committee for  
5 Montgomery County or any portion of it means the entire membership of the  
6 Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee, and in no event do the  
7 members of the Central Committee elected from a district comprise a separate central  
8 committee.

9           (g)     (1)     (i)     In Prince George's County, members of the Republican Party  
10 Central Committee:

11                                 1.     May not run at large; and

12                                 2.     Shall be elected from within legislative districts of Prince  
13 George's County or within that portion of any legislative district lying within Prince  
14 George's County.

15                                 (ii)    The number of members of the Republican Party Central  
16 Committee shall consist of:

17                                 1.     Two members from each legislative district that is wholly  
18 within Prince George's County; and

19                                 2.     One member from that portion of each legislative district  
20 that is partially within Prince George's County.

21           (2)     (i)     In Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central  
22 Committee consists of 21 members.

23                                 (ii)    Two members shall reside in and be elected by the eligible  
24 voters of each of the seven legislative districts in which a majority of the voters reside  
25 within Prince George's County.

26                                 (iii)   One member shall reside in and be elected by the eligible voters  
27 of the Prince George's County portion of the legislative district in which a minority of  
28 the voters reside within Prince George's County.

29                                 (iv)    In addition to the members of the committee elected from  
30 legislative districts, six members of the committee shall be elected by all the eligible  
31 voters in the County[. At], AND AT the time of election, each [such] member shall  
32 reside in a different one of the six legislative districts that lies wholly within Prince  
33 George's County.

34                                 (v)     A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central  
35 Committee shall declare at the time of filing for candidacy which seat on the Central  
36 Committee the candidate is seeking.

1 (vi) If a member who was elected from a specific legislative district  
2 ceases to reside in that district, the member may not continue to serve on the Central  
3 Committee.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-203.

5 In subsection (b)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section, the term "councilmanic" is  
6 substituted for the former term "City Council" for consistency with the  
7 other subsections.

8 The only other changes are in style.

9 4-204.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, each political party shall  
11 adopt and be governed by a constitution and all bylaws and rules adopted in  
12 accordance with the constitution.

13 (b) (1) The constitution and bylaws of each political party shall provide:

14 (i) For such matters as in its opinion are necessary for the proper  
15 conduct of party affairs;

16 (ii) For the selection of a State governing body;

17 (iii) For the calling of regular meetings, advance notification of  
18 meetings, and special notice for special meetings;

19 (iv) For the establishment of a quorum;

20 (v) A method of amending the political party's constitution and  
21 bylaws;

22 (vi) Procedures for filling a vacancy in a nomination for public  
23 office;

24 (vii) For a principal political party, for the convening of a meeting of  
25 the central committee within 45 days after the primary election in each gubernatorial  
26 election year;

27 (viii) If the political party is required to nominate its candidates by  
28 petition, procedures for determining which of two or more party members who qualify  
29 for nomination in the same contest shall be designated on the ballot as nominees of  
30 the political party; and

31 (ix) For the adoption of rules governing the political party.

32 (2) The Republican Party State Central Committee may adopt provisions  
33 in its constitution and bylaws providing for the removal of members of the Republican  
34 State Central Committee who fail to discharge the minimum responsibilities of a  
35 State central committee member.

1 (c) (1) In accordance with the constitution and bylaws of a principal political  
2 party, the central committee of that party for each county shall adopt a constitution,  
3 bylaws, and rules.

4 (2) Until a central committee adopts a constitution, bylaws, and rules,  
5 the central committee shall be governed by the State central committee.

6 (d) (1) Within 30 days after the adoption or amendment by a political party  
7 of a constitution, bylaw, or rule, the political party shall file a copy of the constitution,  
8 bylaw, or rule with the State Board.

9 (2) Within 30 days after the adoption or amendment by a central  
10 committee of any county of a constitution, bylaw, or rule, the local central committee  
11 shall file a copy of the constitution, bylaw, or rule with the State central committee  
12 and the State Board.

13 (e) (1) The constitution and bylaws adopted by a new political party shall  
14 conform to the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (d)(1) of this section.

15 (2) If a new political party decides to form local central committees, the  
16 political party shall notify the State Board of the number and size of the local central  
17 committees within 6 months after the date the State Board notified the political party  
18 that it is considered a State political party.

19 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-204.

20 No changes are made.

21 4-205.

22 (a) A political party in the State may not incorporate under the general laws of  
23 the State providing for the formation of a corporation.

24 (b) Unless it is the party State central committee, an organization may not  
25 represent that it is the official organization or governing body of any political party.

26 (c) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
27 shall be subject to the penalties provided in Title 16 of this article.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 4-205.

29 No changes are made.

1 Title 5. Candidates.

2 Subtitle 1. General Provisions.

3 5-101.

4 (a) This subtitle governs the process by which an individual becomes a  
5 candidate for a public or party office in an election governed by this article.

6 (b) An individual's name may not be placed on the ballot and submitted to the  
7 voters at an election unless the individual complies with the requirements of this  
8 title.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-101.

10 No changes are made.

11 Subtitle 2. Qualifications.

12 5-201.

13 An individual may become a candidate for a public or party office only if the  
14 individual satisfies the qualifications for that office established by law and, in the  
15 case of a party office, by party constitution or bylaws.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-201.

17 No changes are made.

18 5-202.

19 A candidate for public or party office must be a registered voter at an address  
20 that satisfies any residence requirement for the office that is imposed by law and, in  
21 the case of a party office, by party rules.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-202.

23 No changes are made.

24 5-203.

25 (a) (1) This subsection does not apply to a candidate for:

26 (i) President or Vice President of the United States; or

27 (ii) Any federal office who seeks nomination by petition.

28 (2) Unless the individual is a registered voter affiliated with the political  
29 party, an individual may not be a candidate for:

30 (i) An office of that political party; or

1 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, nomination  
2 by that political party.

3 (b) The requirements for party affiliation specified under subsection (a) of this  
4 section do not apply to a candidate for:

5 (1) A judicial office; or

6 (2) A county board of education.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-203.

8 No changes are made.

9 5-204.

10 (a) An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one  
11 public office.

12 (b) An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one  
13 office of a political party.

14 (c) Unless otherwise prohibited by rule of the applicable political party, an  
15 individual simultaneously may be a candidate for a party office and a public office.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-204.

17 No changes are made.

18 5-205.

19 (a) In accordance with Article II of the Maryland Constitution, when a  
20 candidate for nomination for Governor files A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY for that  
21 office, the candidate shall designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

22 (b) The candidates for nomination for Governor and Lieutenant Governor each  
23 shall file for nomination and be considered a unit for nomination to the offices of  
24 Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

25 (c) (1) The names of the candidates of a unit for Governor and Lieutenant  
26 Governor shall be listed jointly on the ballot.

27 (2) A vote cast for a candidate for Governor also shall be a vote cast for  
28 the candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-205.

30 In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "a certificate of candidacy" is  
31 added for clarity.

32 No other changes are made.

1 Defined term: "Candidate" § 1-101

2 Subtitle 3. Certificate of Candidacy.

3 5-301.

4 (a) An individual may become a candidate for a public or party office only if:

5 (1) The individual files a certificate of candidacy in accordance with this  
6 subtitle; and

7 (2) The individual does not file a certificate of withdrawal under Subtitle  
8 5 of this title.

9 (b) The appropriate board shall determine [that] WHETHER an individual  
10 filing a certificate of candidacy meets the requirements of this article, including:

11 (1) The voter registration and party affiliation requirements under  
12 Subtitle 2 of this title; and

13 (2) The campaign finance reporting requirements under Title 13 of this  
14 article.

15 (c) (1) On the certificate of candidacy, a candidate shall designate how the  
16 candidate's name is to appear on the ballot.

17 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a candidate  
18 shall file a certificate of candidacy in which the candidate lists any given name, an  
19 initial letter of any other given name, and surname.

20 (3) A candidate may file a certificate of candidacy in a name different  
21 than that specified under paragraph (2) of this subsection if the candidate files an  
22 affidavit, under penalties of perjury, attesting that the candidate is generally known  
23 by that other name in:

24 (i) Press accounts concerning the candidate, if any; or

25 (ii) If press accounts do not exist, the candidate's everyday  
26 encounters with members of the community.

27 (4) Except for the use of quotation marks to enclose a portion of a name,  
28 the use of symbols, titles, degrees, or other professional designations on a certificate  
29 of candidacy is prohibited.

30 (d) A candidate who seeks nomination by petition shall file a certificate of  
31 candidacy as provided in § 5-703 of this title.

32 (e) A write-in candidate shall file a certificate of candidacy as provided under  
33 [Subtitle 3 of this title] THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (f) (1) (i) On or before August 31 in the year in which a judge of the Court  
2 of Appeals must stand for continuance in office, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals  
3 shall provide written notice to the State Board of the name of the judge that is to be  
4 placed on the ballot at the next succeeding general election together with the  
5 identification of the judicial circuit from which the qualified voters of that circuit may  
6 cast a vote for the judge's continuance in office.

7 (ii) On or before August 31 in the year in which a judge of the Court  
8 of Special Appeals must stand for continuance in office, the Clerk of the Court of  
9 Special Appeals shall provide written notice to the State Board of the name of the  
10 judge that is to be placed on the ballot at the next succeeding general election  
11 together with:

12 1. The identification of the judicial circuit from which the  
13 qualified voters of that circuit may cast a vote for the judge's continuance in office; or

14 2. A statement that the voters of the entire State may cast a  
15 vote for the judge's continuance in office.

16 (2) An incumbent judge of the Court of Appeals or Court of Special  
17 Appeals is not required to file a certificate of candidacy for an election for continuance  
18 in office.

19 (g) A candidate for President or Vice President of the United States nominated  
20 by a national party convention is not required to file a certificate of candidacy under  
21 this section.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-301.

23 The only changes are in style.

24 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

25 "Election" § 1-101

26 5-302.

27 (a) A certificate of candidacy shall be filed under oath on the prescribed form.

28 (b) The certificate of candidacy shall be filed with the State Board if the  
29 candidacy is for:

30 (1) An office to be voted upon by the voters of the entire State;

31 (2) The General Assembly of Maryland;

32 (3) Representative in Congress;

33 (4) The office of judge of the circuit court for a county; or

34 (5) An office of elected delegates to a presidential national convention  
35 provided for under Title 8, Subtitle 5 of this article.



1 (c) If the candidacy is for an office other than an office described in subsection  
2 (b) of this section, the certificate of candidacy shall be filed with the local board of the  
3 applicable county.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-302.

5 No changes are made.

6 5-303.

7 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a certificate of  
8 candidacy shall be filed as follows:

9 (1) For candidates for offices other than delegate to the Democratic  
10 National Convention, not later than 9 p.m. on the Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days  
11 before the day on which the primary election will be held; and

12 (2) For candidates for delegate to the Democratic National Convention,  
13 between 9 a.m. on the first regular business day of the year in which the President of  
14 the United States is elected and 5 p.m. on the day that is 1 week later than that day.

15 (b) A certificate of candidacy for an office to be filled by a special election  
16 under this article shall be received and filed in the office of the appropriate board not  
17 later than 5 p.m. on the Monday that is 3 weeks or 21 days prior to the date for the  
18 special primary election specified by the Governor in the proclamation for the special  
19 primary election.

20 (c) The certificate of candidacy for the election of a write-in candidate shall be  
21 filed by the earlier of:

22 (1) 7 days after a total expenditure of at least \$51 is made to promote the  
23 candidacy by [the candidate or a political committee authorized by] A CAMPAIGN  
24 FINANCE ENTITY OF the candidate; or

25 (2) 5 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of the election for which  
26 the certificate is filed.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-303.

28 In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the reference to "a campaign finance  
29 entity of" the candidate is substituted for the former reference to "the  
30 candidate or a political committee authorized by" the candidate for clarity  
31 and in light of the defined term "campaign finance entity" in § 1-101 of  
32 this article.

33 No other changes are made.

34 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

35 "Candidate" § 1-101

36 "Election" § 1-101

1 "Write-in candidate" § 1-101

2 5-304.

3 (a) (1) [The] A certificate of candidacy may be filed:

4 (i) In person; or

5 (ii) If authorized by subsection (b) of this section, by certified mail,  
6 personal messenger, or other delivery service designated by the filer.

7 (2) [The] A certificate of candidacy may not be filed by facsimile service  
8 or other electronic transmission.

9 (b) [The] A certificate of candidacy may be filed as permitted under  
10 subsection (a)(1)(ii) of this section, if:

11 (1) The individual filing the certificate is unable to do so in person  
12 because of illness, military service, or temporary absence from the State; and

13 (2) The certificate is accompanied by an affidavit signed by the  
14 individual filing the certificate setting forth fully the facts which prevent that  
15 individual from filing the certificate in person.

16 (c) On the certificate of candidacy form prescribed by the State Board, the  
17 candidate shall specify:

18 (1) The office, including, if applicable, the party, district, and circuit to  
19 which the candidacy relates;

20 (2) The year of the election;

21 (3) The name of the individual filing the certificate;

22 (4) The address on the voter registry or the current address of that  
23 individual;

24 (5) A statement that the individual satisfies the requirements of law for  
25 candidacy for the office for which the certificate is being filed; and

26 (6) Any information requested by the State Board to verify the accuracy  
27 of the information provided by the individual under this subsection.

28 (d) The certificate of candidacy shall be accompanied by:

29 (1) A filing fee satisfying the requirements of § 5-401 of this title;

30 (2) A separate form, unless such a form has previously been filed,  
31 [designating a treasurer or a political committee, as required] ESTABLISHING A  
32 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY under Title 13 of this article;

1 (3) Evidence that the individual has filed:

2 (i) A financial disclosure statement with the State Ethics  
3 Commission in accordance with the requirements of Title 15, Subtitle 6 of the State  
4 Government Article; or

5 (ii) Any other financial disclosure report required by law; and

6 (4) Any additional information required by the State Board.

7 (e) The appropriate board shall accept the certificate of candidacy if it  
8 determines that all requirements are satisfied.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-304.

10 In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the reference to "establishing a  
11 campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former reference to  
12 "designating a treasurer or a political committee, as required" for clarity  
13 and for conformity with the terminology used under Title 13 of this article.

14 The only other changes are in style.

15 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

16 "Election" § 1-101

17 "State Board" § 1-101

18 Subtitle 4. Filing Fees.

19 5-401.

20 (a) (1) This section does not apply to a write-in candidate.

21 (2) Unless exempted under subsection (c) of this section, an individual  
22 who files a certificate of candidacy shall pay a filing fee at the time the certificate of  
23 candidacy is filed.

24 (b) The filing fee shall be as follows:

25 (1) President and Vice President of the United States .....No fee

26 (2) Governor or Lieutenant Governor..... \$290 each

27 (3) Comptroller of the Treasury.....\$290

28 (4) Attorney General.....\$290

29 (5) United States Senator .....\$290

30 (6) Representative in Congress .....\$100

31 (7) Member of the General Assembly .....\$50

- 1           (8)     Mayor of the City of Baltimore     \$150
- 2           (9)     Comptroller of the City of Baltimore         \$150
- 3           (10)    City Council of Baltimore:
- 4                 (i)     President .....\$150
- 5                 (ii)    Member at large voted on by the voters of the entire City of
- 6 Baltimore .....\$150
- 7                 (iii)   Member voted on by less than the entire City of Baltimore ..\$50
- 8           (11)   Offices of the City of Baltimore, not specified in paragraphs (8), (9),
- 9 and (10), that are voted on by the voters of the entire City of Baltimore.....\$150
- 10          (12)   Any other public office .....\$25
- 11          (13)   Member of a party central committee .....\$10

12   (c)   (1)   A candidate may petition for a waiver of the filing fee in accordance  
13 with this subsection.

14          (2)   The filing fee required by this section shall be waived if the candidate  
15 establishes inability to pay the fee.

16          (3)   A candidate may demonstrate inability to pay the filing fee by  
17 attaching to the certificate of candidacy when it is filed a sworn statement on the  
18 form prescribed by the State Board of inability to pay which sets forth:

- 19                 (i)     The nature, extent, and liquidity of the candidate's assets; and
- 20                 (ii)    The candidate's disposable net income.

21          (4)   At its discretion and in order to conduct any investigation of the  
22 petition for waiver, the appropriate board may request that the candidate provide  
23 additional information concerning the candidate's financial status.

24          (5)   If the appropriate board determines that the candidate is unable to  
25 pay the required filing fee, the certificate of candidacy shall be issued without  
26 payment of the fee.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-401.

28   No changes are made.

29 5-402.

30   (a)   Upon request, a candidate who pays a filing fee is entitled to a return of  
31 the filing fee upon the filing of the certificate of withdrawal on the form prescribed by  
32 the State Board if the candidate enters into active duty with the armed services of the

1 United States during the period between the last date allowed for the withdrawal of  
2 candidacy and the printing of the ballots.

3 (b) Subject to the approval of the State Board, the filing fee paid by a  
4 candidate may be returned to the candidate for good cause.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-402.

6 No changes are made.

7 5-403.

8 (a) Filing fees paid by candidates under § 5-401 of this subtitle shall be  
9 distributed as specified in this section.

10 (b) Filing fees received by a local board shall be transferred to the governing  
11 body of the county.

12 (c) Filing fees received by the State Board shall be divided and distributed:

13 (1) With respect to candidates for statewide office:

14 (i) \$60 to the Baltimore City Board of Supervisors of Elections; and

15 (ii) \$10 each to each other local board;

16 (2) With respect to candidates for any other public or party office in a  
17 multicounty district, in equal amounts to the local board of each county that contains  
18 part of the district to which the candidacy relates; and

19 (3) With respect to a candidate for a public or party office in a district  
20 wholly contained within one county, to the local board of that county.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-403.

22 No changes are made.

23 Subtitle 5. Withdrawal of Candidacy After Filing but Before Primary Election.

24 5-501.

25 An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy may withdraw the  
26 candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal as provided in this subtitle.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-501.

28 No changes are made.

1 5-502.

2 (a) Subject to § 5-402 of this title, an individual who has filed a certificate of  
3 candidacy may withdraw the candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal on the  
4 form prescribed by the State Board within 10 days after the filing date established  
5 under § 5-303 of this title.

6 (b) An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for the special  
7 election to fill a vacancy for representative in Congress may withdraw the certificate  
8 on the prescribed form within 2 days after the filing date established in the  
9 proclamation issued by the Governor.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-502.

11 No changes are made.

12 5-503.

13 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the certificate of  
14 withdrawal shall be filed with the appropriate board with which the individual filed  
15 the certificate of candidacy.

16 (b) The proclamation issued by the Governor under § 8-710 of this article for  
17 a special election to fill a vacancy for representative in Congress shall allow any  
18 individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy to withdraw the candidacy as  
19 provided under the terms of the proclamation.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-503.

21 No changes are made.

22 5-504.

23 (a) If a certificate of withdrawal is filed under this subtitle:

24 (1) The certificate of candidacy to which the certificate of withdrawal  
25 relates is void;

26 (2) The name of the candidate may not be submitted to the voters for  
27 nomination and election to the office to which the certificate relates unless the  
28 individual files a new certificate of candidacy within the time limit prescribed for  
29 filing; and

30 (3) Except as provided in § 5-402 of this article, the filing fee for the  
31 certificate of candidacy may not be refunded.

32 (b) Except for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the name of  
33 any individual who files a certificate of candidacy and does not withdraw shall appear  
34 on the primary election ballot unless, by the 10th day after the filing deadline  
35 specified under § 5-303 of this article, the individual's death or disqualification is  
36 known to the applicable board with which the certificate of candidacy was filed.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-504.

2 No changes are made.

3 Subtitle 6. Qualification for Primary Election Ballot.

4 5-601.

5 The name of a candidate shall remain on the ballot and be submitted to the  
6 voters at a primary election if:

7 (1) The candidate has filed a certificate of candidacy in accordance with  
8 the requirements of § 5-301 of this title and has satisfied any other requirements of  
9 this article relating to the office for which the individual is a candidate, provided the  
10 candidate:

11 (i) Has not withdrawn the candidacy in accordance with Subtitle 5  
12 of this title;

13 (ii) Has not died or become disqualified, and that fact is known to  
14 the applicable board by the deadline prescribed in § 5-504(b) of this title;

15 (iii) Does not seek nomination by petition pursuant to the provisions  
16 of § 5-703 of this title; or

17 (iv) Is not a write-in candidate; or

18 (2) The candidate has qualified to have the candidate's name submitted  
19 to the voters in a presidential primary election under Title 8, Subtitle 5 of this article.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-601.

21 No changes are made.

22 Subtitle 7. Nomination.

23 5-701.

24 Nominations for public offices that are filled by elections governed by this  
25 article shall be made:

26 (1) By party primary, for candidates of a principal political party; or

27 (2) By petition for:

28 (i) Candidates of a political party that does not nominate by  
29 primary; or

30 (ii) Candidates not affiliated with any political party.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-701.

1 No changes are made.

2 5-702.

3 A candidate for public office of a political party shall be nominated in accordance  
4 with the requirements of Subtitles 2 through 4 of this title unless the candidate is:

5 (1) Nominated by petition under § 5-703 of this subtitle; or

6 (2) A write-in candidate under § 5-704 of this subtitle.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-702.

8 No changes are made.

9 5-703.

10 (a) Except for a candidate for a county board of education, this section applies  
11 to any candidate for public office subject to this title.

12 (b) A candidate for a public office may be nominated by petition under this  
13 subtitle if the candidate does not seek nomination through a party primary.

14 (c) (1) A candidate for public office who seeks nomination by petition shall  
15 file a declaration of intent to seek nomination by petition.

16 (2) The declaration of intent shall be filed with the board at which the  
17 candidate files a certificate of candidacy under Subtitle 3 of this title.

18 (3) The declaration of intent shall be filed as follows:

19 (i) In a year in which the Governor is elected or the Baltimore City  
20 municipal election is held, by the date and time specified for a candidate to file a  
21 certificate of candidacy;

22 (ii) In a year in which the President is elected, by July 1; and

23 (iii) For a special election to fill a vacancy for Representative in  
24 Congress, by the date and time specified for a candidate to file a certificate of  
25 candidacy in the Governor's proclamation.

26 (4) A candidate who seeks nomination by petition may not be charged a  
27 fee for filing the declaration of intent.

28 (d) (1) A candidate for public office who seeks nomination by petition shall  
29 file a certificate of candidacy not later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday in August in  
30 the year of the general election for the office.

31 (2) Except for the time of filing, the certificate of candidacy for a  
32 candidate who seeks nomination by petition shall comply with the requirements for a  
33 certificate of candidacy under Subtitle 3 of this title.



1 (e) (1) A candidate who seeks nomination by petition may not have the  
2 candidate's name placed on the general election ballot unless the candidate files with  
3 the appropriate board petitions signed by not less than 1% of the total number of  
4 registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office for which the nomination by  
5 petition is sought, except that the petitions shall be signed by at least 250 registered  
6 voters who are eligible to vote for the office.

7 (2) The petitions shall be filed as required in Title 6 of this article.

8 (3) The number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirements  
9 of paragraph (1) of this section shall be determined as of the deadline for changing  
10 party affiliation before the primary election for which the nomination is sought.

11 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a petition that  
12 contains the required number of signatures specified under subsection (e)(1) of this  
13 section shall be filed with the appropriate board by 5 p.m. on the first Monday in  
14 August in the year in which the general election is held.

15 (2) In a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in  
16 Congress, a petition that contains the required number of signatures shall be filed  
17 with the State Board by 5 p.m. on the day of the special primary election.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-703.

19 No changes are made.

20 5-704.

21 An individual who seeks election as a write-in candidate shall file a certificate  
22 of candidacy as required under § 5-303 of this title.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-704.

24 No changes are made.

25 5-705.

26 (a) A certificate of nomination that entitles a candidate for public office to  
27 have the candidate's name listed on the general election ballot and submitted to the  
28 voters at the general election shall be issued in accordance with this section.

29 (b) (1) The State Board shall issue a certificate of nomination to each  
30 candidate who files a certificate of candidacy with the State Board and who qualifies  
31 for the nomination.

32 (2) The local board with which a candidate files a certificate of candidacy  
33 shall issue a certificate of nomination to each candidate who qualifies for the  
34 nomination.

35 (3) A political party may have only one candidate as its nominee for any  
36 position to be filled in a general election.

1 (4) A certificate of nomination may not contain the name of more than  
2 one nominee for each office to be filled at the election.

3 (c) Following the certification of the primary elections returns by the board  
4 responsible for the certification of the results of that election, that board shall issue a  
5 certificate of election to:

6 (1) Each candidate for delegate to a national party convention who is  
7 certified by the State Board to have been elected in accordance with the party's rules;  
8 and

9 (2) Each candidate to a party central committee who is certified by the  
10 local board to have been elected to that position.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-705.

12 No changes are made.

13 5-706.

14 (a) This section does not apply to:

15 (1) A candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court;

16 (2) A candidate selected by a political party to fill a vacancy in  
17 nomination under Subtitle 9 or Subtitle 10 of this title; or

18 (3) A candidate defeated in a presidential preference primary.

19 (b) The name of a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public  
20 office may not appear on the ballot at the next succeeding general election as a  
21 candidate for any office.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-706.

23 No changes are made.

24 Subtitle 8. Declination of Nomination.

25 5-801.

26 (a) A nominee may decline the nomination by filing a certificate of declination  
27 on the prescribed form.

28 (b) The certificate of declination shall be under oath and filed:

29 (1) With the board at which the certificate of candidacy was filed; and

30 (2) (i) In the year of a gubernatorial election or the year of an election  
31 for the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, within 2 days after the election results are  
32 certified; or

1 (ii) In the year of a presidential election, by the 70th day preceding  
2 the general election.

3 (c) If a certificate of declination is filed under this section:

4 (1) The certificate of nomination to which the certificate of declination  
5 relates is void;

6 (2) A vacancy in nomination is created to be filled in accordance with the  
7 provisions of Subtitle 10 of this title;

8 (3) The name of the individual who declined the nomination may not  
9 appear on the ballot unless the individual is selected to fill that vacancy; and

10 (4) The filing fee for the certificate of candidacy of that individual may  
11 not be refunded.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-801.

13 No changes are made.

14 Subtitle 9. Vacancies in Candidacy Occurring Before a Primary Election.

15 5-901.

16 (a) This section does not apply to vacancy in nomination in the office of a  
17 Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit.

18 (b) This section applies to a vacancy in candidacy for a primary election that  
19 occurs because no candidate for the political party files a certificate of candidacy for  
20 the election.

21 (c) (1) Except for a vacancy in candidacy for the election of a member of the  
22 Senate of Maryland or the House of Delegates as provided in paragraph (2) of this  
23 subsection, the vacancy in candidacy for a political party that is entitled to have a  
24 candidate on the ballot for an office elected by the voters of more than one county  
25 shall be filled by the State central committee or governing body of that political party.

26 (2) (i) In a State legislative district or a State delegate district  
27 comprising more than one county, a vacancy in candidacy for a political party that is  
28 entitled to have a candidate on the ballot shall be filled by a vote of the central  
29 committee in the counties in the district.

30 (ii) In filling the vacancy in candidacy under subparagraph (i) of  
31 this paragraph, the central committee of each county where the vacancy occurs shall  
32 cast a vote proportionate to its share of the population of the district as reported in  
33 the most recent decennial census of the United States.

34 (iii) If no person receives a majority of the votes cast under  
35 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, or if there is a tie vote by the central committees,

1 the vacancy in candidacy shall be filled by the State central committee of the political  
2 party.

3 (d) For any public or party office not described in subsection (c) of this section,  
4 a vacancy in candidacy under this section shall be filled by the central committee of  
5 the political party in [that county] THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE OFFICE IS LOCATED.

6 (e) A central committee authorized to fill a vacancy in candidacy for an office  
7 under this section shall file a certificate of designation of candidacy with the  
8 appropriate board designated to receive the certificate of candidacy for that office by  
9 the fifth day after the date on which a candidate may withdraw a certificate of  
10 candidacy before the primary election.

11 (f) The individual designated by a central committee under subsection (e) of  
12 this section to fill a vacancy shall file a certificate of candidacy in accordance with  
13 Subtitle 3 of this title with the appropriate board by the date specified for the  
14 applicable central committee to file a certificate of designation under subsection (e) of  
15 this section.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-901.

17 In subsection (d) of this section, the phrase "the county in which the office  
18 is located" is substituted for the former reference to "that county" for  
19 clarity.

20 No other changes are made.

21 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

22 "Election" § 1-101

23 "Political party" § 1-101

24 5-902.

25 (a) If either of the candidates of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit  
26 dies, withdraws the candidacy, or becomes disqualified for any reason prior to the  
27 deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy for a primary election under § 5-303 of  
28 this title, the remaining candidate may:

29 (1) Designate a successor candidate who shall file a certificate of  
30 candidacy before the later of:

31 (i) The deadline specified under § 5-303 of this title; or

32 (ii) The fifth day following the death, withdrawal, or  
33 disqualification of the former candidate;

34 (2) Withdraw under Subtitle 5 of this title; or

35 (3) After withdrawing under paragraph (2) of this subsection, form a  
36 successor unit for the candidacy for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor

1 by filing a certificate of candidacy by the date specified under subsection (b) of this  
2 section.

3 (b) The candidates of the successor unit for Governor and Lieutenant  
4 Governor formed under subsection (a)(3) of this section each shall file a certificate of  
5 candidacy as a successor unit before the later of:

6 (1) The deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy for the primary  
7 election under § 5-303 of this title; or

8 (2) The fifth day following the death, withdrawal, or disqualification of  
9 the former candidate.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-902.

11 No changes are made.

12 5-903.

13 (a) (1) If a candidate for Lieutenant Governor dies, withdraws the  
14 candidacy, or becomes disqualified for any reason after the deadline for filing a  
15 certificate of candidacy for a primary election under § 5-303 of this title, the  
16 remaining candidate for Governor of that unit may designate a successor candidate  
17 for Lieutenant Governor.

18 (2) Provided the successor candidate for Lieutenant Governor files a  
19 certificate of candidacy in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the name of  
20 the successor candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall appear on the ballot.

21 (b) (1) The successor candidate for Lieutenant Governor designated by the  
22 candidate for Governor under subsection (a) of this section shall file a certificate of  
23 candidacy with the State Board.

24 (2) The certificate of candidacy shall be filed:

25 (i) By the fifth day following the withdrawal deadline specified  
26 under § 5-502 of this title, if the former Lieutenant Governor candidate files a  
27 certificate of withdrawal;

28 (ii) By the fifth day following the death or disqualification of the  
29 former Lieutenant Governor candidate, if that former candidate dies or is disqualified  
30 less than 45 days before the day of the primary election; or

31 (iii) Not later than 40 days before the day of the primary, if the  
32 former Lieutenant Governor candidate dies or is disqualified 45 days or more before  
33 the day of the primary election.

34 (3) A certificate of candidacy for a successor candidate for Lieutenant  
35 Governor under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section may not be filed less than 10 days  
36 before the day of the primary election.

1 (c) If the death or disqualification of a former Lieutenant Governor candidate  
2 occurs less than 10 days before the day of the primary election, the existing Governor  
3 and Lieutenant Governor unit whose filing is complete:

4 (1) Shall remain on the ballot; and

5 (2) If nominated, a vacancy in the nomination of the candidate for  
6 Lieutenant Governor shall be declared and be filled under § 5-1005(b) of this title as  
7 if the death or disqualification had occurred after the primary election.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-903.

9 No changes are made.

10 5-904.

11 (a) This section does not apply if only one Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
12 unit files a certificate of candidacy for the nomination of a political party for those  
13 offices in a primary election.

14 (b) (1) If a candidate for Governor dies, withdraws the candidacy, or  
15 becomes disqualified for any reason after the deadline for filing a certificate of  
16 candidacy for a primary election under § 5-303 of this title, the remaining candidate  
17 for Lieutenant Governor of that unit may:

18 (i) Designate the Lieutenant Governor candidate as the successor  
19 candidate for Governor and appoint a successor candidate for Lieutenant Governor; or

20 (ii) Designate a successor candidate for Governor.

21 (2) The names of any Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidate unit  
22 that is designated under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be listed jointly on the  
23 primary election ballot.

24 (c) (1) The successor candidate for Governor designated by the Lieutenant  
25 Governor candidate under subsection (b)(1)(ii) of this section, or the former candidate  
26 for Lieutenant Governor who subsequently is designated as the candidate for  
27 Governor together with the candidate appointed as the successor candidate for  
28 Lieutenant Governor under subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, each shall file a  
29 certificate of candidacy with the State Board.

30 (2) The certificate of candidacy shall be filed:

31 (i) By the fifth day following the withdrawal deadline specified  
32 under § 5-502 of this title, if the former candidate for Governor files a certificate of  
33 withdrawal;

34 (ii) By the fifth day following the day of the death or  
35 disqualification of the former candidate for Governor, if that former candidate dies or  
36 is disqualified less than 45 days before the day of the primary election; or

1 (iii) Not later than 40 days before the day of the primary election, if  
2 the former candidate for Governor dies or is disqualified 45 days or more before the  
3 day of the primary election.

4 (3) A certificate of candidacy may not be filed under subsection (c)(2)(ii)  
5 of this section less than 10 days before the day of the primary election.

6 (d) If the death or disqualification of a former candidate for Governor occurs  
7 less than 10 days before the day of the primary election, the existing Governor and  
8 Lieutenant Governor unit whose filing is complete:

9 (1) Shall remain on the ballot; and

10 (2) If nominated, a vacancy in the office of Governor shall be declared  
11 and filled under § 5-1005 of this title as if the death or disqualification had occurred  
12 after the primary election.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-904.

14 No changes are made.

15 5-905.

16 (a) If only a single Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit files for the  
17 nomination of a political party, and the candidate for Governor dies, withdraws the  
18 candidacy, or is disqualified for any reason after the filing deadline specified under §  
19 5-303 of this article, the remaining candidate for Lieutenant Governor is disqualified.

20 (b) (1) In the event of a vacancy in nomination under subsection (a) of this  
21 section, the State central committee of the political party to which the candidates  
22 belong shall select a successor candidate for Governor.

23 (2) The State central committee shall make its selection by the 10th day  
24 following the death, withdrawal, or disqualification of the gubernatorial candidate.

25 (3) The candidate disqualified for the office of Lieutenant Governor  
26 under subsection (a) of this section is eligible to be chosen as the successor candidate  
27 for Governor.

28 (c) (1) The successor candidate for Governor selected by the State central  
29 committee under subsection (b) of this section promptly shall select a successor  
30 candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

31 (2) If the former candidate for Lieutenant Governor is not selected as the  
32 successor candidate for Governor, that individual is eligible to be selected again as the  
33 candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

34 (d) By the deadline date specified under subsection (b)(2) of this section for the  
35 selection of the successor candidate for Governor by the appropriate State central  
36 committee, in accordance with Subtitle 3 of this title:

1 (1) The State central committee making the selection shall file a  
2 certificate of designation for those offices with the State Board for:

3 (i) Its successor candidate for Governor; and

4 (ii) The successor candidate for Lieutenant Governor designated  
5 under subsection (c)(1) of this section; and

6 (2) The successor candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor each  
7 shall file a certificate of candidacy for those offices with the State Board.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-905.

9 No changes are made.

10 Subtitle 10. Filling Vacancies in Nomination After a Primary Election.

11 5-1001.

12 (a) When a local board receives a certificate of designation and a certificate of  
13 candidacy to fill a vacancy in nomination under this subtitle, it shall notify the State  
14 Board of the change by the end of the next business day following the receipt of the  
15 certificates.

16 (b) When the State Board is notified by a local board of a change in  
17 nomination under subsection (a) of this section or when a certificate of designation  
18 and a certificate of candidacy to fill a vacancy in nomination is filed directly with the  
19 State Board under this subtitle, the State Board shall:

20 (1) Certify the nomination and substitute, for the name of the original  
21 nominee, the name of the individual who has been designated and determined to be  
22 qualified to have that individual's name placed on the ballot as a successor nominee;  
23 and

24 (2) Certify the new nomination to the appropriate local boards.

25 (c) If the State Board has already issued a certificate of nomination for a  
26 nominee under this section, it promptly shall certify to the appropriate local boards:

27 (1) The name and residence of the individual designated by the State  
28 central committee of the political party as the successor nominee to fill the vacancy;

29 (2) The office for which the successor nominee is nominated;

30 (3) The political party the successor nominee represents; and

31 (4) The name of the individual for whom the successor nominee is  
32 substituted.

33 (d) If a successor nominee to fill a vacancy in office is certified by the State  
34 Board under this section, the certificate of nomination for the prior nominee is void.



1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1001.

2 No changes are made.

3 5-1002.

4 (a) This section applies only to a nominee for statewide office, except for a  
5 Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit.

6 (b) (1) A vacancy in nomination that occurs because a nominee dies, declines  
7 the nomination, or is disqualified for any cause shall be filled by the State central  
8 committee of the political party to which the nominee belongs.

9 (2) By the later of the [fortieth] 40TH day before the general election or  
10 the fifth day following the death, declination, or disqualification of the former  
11 nominee:

12 (i) The State central committee shall file a certificate of  
13 designation for the nominee with the State Board; and

14 (ii) The successor nominee designated by the State central  
15 committee under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall file a certificate of  
16 candidacy with the State Board.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1002.

18 The only changes are in style.

19 5-1003.

20 (a) This section applies to a vacancy in nomination for representative in  
21 Congress, State Senator, or member of the House of Delegates, if the district includes  
22 more than one county.

23 (b) (1) A vacancy in nomination under this section that occurs because the  
24 nominee dies, withdraws the candidacy, or is disqualified for any reason shall be filled  
25 by a vote of the central [committee]COMMITTEES of the political party in each of the  
26 counties included in the district of that nominee.

27 (2) The central committee of each county shall cast a vote that is  
28 proportionate to its share of the population in that district as reported in the most  
29 recent decennial census of the United States and promptly notify its State central  
30 committee of the results of its vote.

31 (3) (i) If no person receives a majority of the votes cast under  
32 paragraph (2) of this subsection, or if there is a tie vote by the central committees, the  
33 vacancy in nomination shall be filled by the State central committee.

34 (ii) In the event of a tie vote, the nominee selected by the State  
35 central committee shall be one of the candidates involved in the tie.

1 (4) By the later of the [fortieth] 40TH day before the general election or  
2 the fifth day following the death, declination, or disqualification of the nominee:

3 (i) The State central committee shall file a certificate of  
4 designation for the nominee with the State Board; and

5 (ii) The successor nominee designated by the State central  
6 committee under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall file a certificate of  
7 candidacy with the State Board.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1003.

9 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the word "committees" is substituted for  
10 the former reference to "committee" for clarity.

11 No other changes are made.

12 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

13 "Political party" § 1-101

14 "State Board" § 1-101

15 5-1004.

16 (a) A vacancy in nomination for an office that is entirely in one county shall be  
17 filled BY A CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN THAT COUNTY as provided in this section.

18 (b) If a nominee for an office that is entirely in one county dies, declines the  
19 nomination, becomes disqualified, or gains a tie vote with another candidate in a  
20 primary election, the vacancy in nomination shall be filled by the later of:

21 (1) The [fortieth] 40TH day before the general election; or

22 (2) The fifth day following the death, declination, or disqualification of  
23 the nominee.

24 (c) (1) The vacancy shall be filled by the central committee of the same  
25 political party as the individual vacating the nomination.

26 (2) If the office is to be voted on by the voters of the entire county, the  
27 vacancy shall be filled by the central committee of that county.

28 (3) If the office is voted on only by the voters of one legislative district  
29 and the central committee is elected by legislative district, the vacancy shall be filled  
30 by the members of the central committee of that legislative district.

31 (4) If the office is for representative in Congress and is a district that is  
32 wholly within one county, the vacancy shall be filled by the central committee for that  
33 county.

34 (5) By the deadline prescribed in subsection (b) of this section:

1 (i) The applicable central committee shall file a certificate of  
2 designation with the local board; and

3 (ii) The successor nominee designated by the applicable central  
4 committee under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall file a certificate of  
5 candidacy with the applicable board.

6 (d) If the vacancy results because of a tie vote between two or more  
7 candidates, the nominee selected by the central committee under this section shall be  
8 one of those candidates.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1004.

10 In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "by a central committee, in that  
11 county" is added for clarity.

12 No other changes are made.

13 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

14 "Local board" § 1-101

15 5-1005.

16 (a) This section applies:

17 (1) To the nominees of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit; and

18 (2) Whether or not a certificate of nomination has been issued to the  
19 nominees by the State Board.

20 (b) (1) If, after the primary election, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor  
21 dies, declines the nomination, or becomes disqualified, the remaining nominee for  
22 Governor of that unit may designate a successor nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

23 (2) By the fifth day following the day of the death, declination, or  
24 disqualification of the nominee for Lieutenant Governor:

25 (i) The nominee for Governor shall designate the successor  
26 nominee for Lieutenant Governor and notify the State central committee of the  
27 applicable political party of the selection;

28 (ii) The State central committee of the political party of the  
29 nominee shall file a certificate of designation with the State Board; and

30 (iii) The successor nominee for Lieutenant Governor shall file a  
31 certificate of candidacy with the State Board.

32 (c) (1) If a nominee for Governor dies, declines the nomination, or becomes  
33 disqualified after the primary election, the remaining nominee for Lieutenant  
34 Governor is disqualified, except as otherwise provided in this section.

1                   (2)     (i)     The State central committee of the political party of the  
2 nominee for Lieutenant Governor disqualified under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
3 shall select a successor nominee for Governor.

4                   (ii)     The disqualified nominee for Lieutenant Governor is eligible to  
5 be chosen as the nominee for Governor.

6                   (3)     (i)     The successor nominee for Governor promptly shall select a  
7 successor nominee for Lieutenant Governor and notify the State central committee of  
8 the applicable political party of the selection.

9                   (ii)     The disqualified nominee for Lieutenant Governor is eligible to  
10 be selected again as the nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

11                  (4)     Except as provided under paragraph (5) of this subsection, by the  
12 fifth day following the death, declination, or disqualification of the former nominee  
13 for Governor:

14                  (i)     The State central committee shall file a certificate of  
15 designation for the successor nominee for Governor and the successor nominee for  
16 Lieutenant Governor with the State Board; and

17                  (ii)     Each of the successor nominees shall file a certificate of  
18 candidacy with the State Board.

19                  (5)     A State central committee may not file a certificate of designation for  
20 a successor nominee for Governor under this subsection within 10 days of the day of  
21 the general election.

22                  (6)     A Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit shall remain on the ballot  
23 for the general election if:

24                  (i)     A nominee for Governor dies, declines the nomination, or is  
25 disqualified less than 15 days before the general election; and

26                  (ii)     A certificate of designation and certificates of candidacy for  
27 successor nominees for Governor and Lieutenant Governor are not filed in accordance  
28 with this section.

29                  (7)     If a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit comprised of a nominee  
30 for Governor who has died, declined the nomination, or become disqualified remains  
31 on the ballot as provided under paragraph (6) of this subsection, during the campaign  
32 period following the death, declination, or disqualification of the gubernatorial  
33 nominee until the general election, the Lieutenant Governor nominee officially  
34 becomes the gubernatorial nominee and may assert that status in the campaign.

35                  (8)     If a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit comprised of a nominee  
36 for Governor who has died, declined the nomination, or become disqualified remains  
37 on the ballot as provided under paragraph (6) of this subsection and is elected, the

1 vacancy resulting from the death, declination, or disqualification shall be filled as if it  
2 had occurred after the general election in accordance with applicable law.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1005.

4 No changes are made.

5 Subtitle 11. Vacancies in Candidacy for Petition Candidates.

6 5-1101.

7 (a) This section applies to petition candidates for the office of Governor and  
8 Lieutenant Governor.

9 (b) (1) If either of the candidates of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
10 unit nominated by petition under § 5-703 of this title dies, withdraws a certificate of  
11 candidacy, or becomes disqualified prior to the deadline for filing a certificate of  
12 candidacy for a primary election under § 5-303 of this title, the remaining candidate  
13 may:

14 (i) Select a successor candidate and:

15 1. File a certificate or designation with the State Board; and

16 2. Have the individual designated file a certificate of  
17 candidacy with the State Board in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection;  
18 or

19 (ii) Withdraw the certificate of candidacy and form a new unit for  
20 Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

21 (2) Each member of the successor unit for Governor and Lieutenant  
22 Governor formed under this section shall file a certificate of candidacy before the  
23 later of:

24 (i) The deadline specified under § 5-303 of this title; or

25 (ii) The fifth day following the death, withdrawal, or  
26 disqualification of the former nominee.

27 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if either of the nominees  
28 of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit nominated by petition dies, withdraws a  
29 certificate of candidacy, or becomes disqualified after the deadline for filing a  
30 certificate of candidacy for a primary election under § 5-303 of this title, the  
31 remaining nominee may:

32 (i) Designate another nominee as the successor nominee for the  
33 vacancy in nomination; or

1 (ii) Assume the vacancy in nomination of the prior nominee and  
2 designate another nominee for the position in the unit that formerly was held by the  
3 successor nominee who assumed the vacancy created by the death, withdrawal, or  
4 disqualification of the prior nominee.

5 (2) (i) The successor nominees or the nominee who exercises the  
6 option to assume a position in the Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit previously  
7 held by a nominee who dies, withdraws a certificate of candidacy, or becomes  
8 disqualified shall file with the State Board either:

9 1. A certificate of candidacy, if no certificate was filed  
10 previously; or

11 2. A change of candidacy, if the nominee is a candidate for a  
12 different office as a part of the successor unit.

13 (ii) The certificate of candidacy:

14 1. Shall be filed by the fifth day following the death,  
15 withdrawal, or disqualification of a prior nominee after the deadline specified in  
16 paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

17 2. May not be filed within 10 days of the day of the general  
18 election.

19 (d) If a nominee for Governor or Lieutenant Governor subject to this section  
20 dies, withdraws a certificate of candidacy, or becomes disqualified less than 15 days  
21 before the day of the general election and the certificate of candidacy required by  
22 subsection (b) of this section is not filed with the State Board, the unit:

23 (1) Shall remain on the ballot; and

24 (2) If elected, the vacancy resulting from the death, declination, or  
25 disqualification shall be filled as if it had occurred after the general election, in  
26 accordance with this article or other applicable provisions of law.

27 (e) (1) The certificate for nomination by petition for a nominee subject to  
28 this section shall be issued by the State Board under § 5-703 of this title.

29 (2) No additional petitions are required if one of the members of the  
30 original Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit remains a nominee of the successor  
31 unit.

32 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1101.

33 No changes are made.

1 5-1102.

2 (a) This section applies only to a petition candidate, other than Governor and  
3 Lieutenant Governor, of a nonqualified party that does not nominate its candidates by  
4 party primary.

5 (b) A vacancy in nomination of a petition candidate subject to this section that  
6 occurs because the candidate dies, declines the nomination, or is disqualified for any  
7 cause shall be filled by the party governing body of the nonqualified party to which  
8 the vacating candidate belongs.

9 (c) Within 5 days of the death, declination, or disqualification of a petition  
10 candidate subject to this section:

11 (1) The applicable party governing body shall file a certificate of  
12 designation with the appropriate board; and

13 (2) The successor candidate shall file a certificate of candidacy with the  
14 appropriate board.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1102.

16 No changes are made.

17 Subtitle 12. Miscellaneous Provisions.

18 5-1201.

19 (a) (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, if either  
20 nominee of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit dies, declines the nomination,  
21 or is disqualified, the remaining nominee shall cease to be a candidate if:

22 (i) A successor nominee is not designated or selected under this  
23 subtitle; and

24 (ii) The certificate of designation and certificate of candidacy  
25 required under this subtitle are not filed in a timely manner.

26 (2) If a successor nominee for Governor or Lieutenant Governor is not  
27 designated or selected as required under this subtitle, the name of the remaining  
28 nominee may not appear on the ballot.

29 (b) If an individual designated as a successor nominee for an office other than  
30 Governor or Lieutenant Governor does not file the certificate of candidacy required  
31 under this subtitle or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this title, the  
32 name of that individual may not appear on the ballot.

33 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1201.

34 No changes are made.

1 5-1202.

2 An individual selected or designated to fill a vacancy in candidacy or nomination  
3 under this title shall:

4 (1) File a certificate of candidacy with the appropriate board in  
5 accordance with Subtitle 3 of this title; and

6 (2) Unless exempted under this title, pay the filing fee specified under §  
7 5-401 of this title.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1202.

9 No changes are made.

10 5-1203.

11 (a) At each general election, the names of the following nominees shall be  
12 submitted to the voters:

13 (1) Each candidate nominated under this title who has satisfied the  
14 requirements of this article or other provisions of law, provided the candidate has not:

15 (i) Declined the nomination; or

16 (ii) Died or become disqualified and the provisions of this article do  
17 not require that the name of the nominee nonetheless be submitted to the voters;

18 (2) Each nominee who has qualified for a presidential election under  
19 Title 8, Subtitle 5 of this article; and

20 (3) Each incumbent judge of the Court of Appeals or the Court of Special  
21 Appeals whose name is required to be submitted to the voters for continuance in office  
22 under Article IV, § 5A of the Maryland Constitution.

23 (b) In accordance with Title 9, Subtitle 2 of this article, the State Board shall  
24 certify to each local board the name of each nominee who has qualified for the general  
25 election ballot as the nominee's name is to appear on the ballots in that county.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1203.

27 No changes are made.

28 5-1204.

29 (a) If a vacancy in candidacy is properly filled and certified to the appropriate  
30 board within the time prescribed under this title and the State Administrator, in  
31 consultation with the election director of the local board, determines that there is  
32 sufficient time for the local board to reprint the ballots with the correct names, the  
33 local board shall reprint the ballots.



1 (b) If a vacancy in candidacy is properly filled and certified to the appropriate  
2 board within the time prescribed under this title and the voting system utilizes a  
3 separate ballot for each voter and the State Administrator [of the State Board], in  
4 consultation with the election director of the local board, determines that there is not  
5 sufficient time for the local board to reprint the ballots with the correct names, the  
6 local board shall take appropriate measures to notify the voters of:

- 7 (1) The change in the ballot;
- 8 (2) The procedure to be used by the voter to record the voter's vote; and
- 9 (3) The procedure to be used by the local board to conduct the canvass.

10 (c) If a vacancy in candidacy is properly filled and certified to the appropriate  
11 board within the time prescribed under this title and the voting system utilizes either  
12 a mechanical lever machine or a direct recording electronic machine and the State  
13 Administrator, in consultation with the election director of the local board,  
14 determines that there is not sufficient time for the local board to reprint the ballots  
15 with the correct names, the local board immediately shall:

- 16 (1) Have printed a sufficient quantity of stickers with the name of the  
17 substitute candidate for the precincts in which that candidacy appears on the ballot;  
18 and
- 19 (2) Deliver the stickers to the appropriate local board personnel in the  
20 affected precincts, along with instructions for affixing the stickers to the ballot posted  
21 on the machine.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1204.

23 In subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "of the State Board" is  
24 deleted as incorrect and inconsistent with a defined term.

25 No other changes are made.

26 Defined terms: "Local board" § 1-101

27 "State Administrator" § 1-101

28 Subtitle 13. Late Vacancies Before the General Election.

29 5-1301.

30 (a) Except for a candidate or nominee to fill a vacancy for the office of  
31 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, this subtitle applies to a candidate or nominee to  
32 fill a vacancy for any public office subject to this title.

33 (b) A nominee to fill a vacancy for Governor or Lieutenant Governor is subject  
34 to the requirements of Subtitle 10 of this title.

35 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1301.

1 No changes are made.

2 5-1302.

3 (a) A certificate of designation may not be filed later than 10 days before the  
4 day of the general election.

5 (b) If the name of a nominee who has died, declined the nomination, or been  
6 disqualified appears on the ballot and receives a number of votes that would have  
7 been sufficient for election if the nominee had not died, declined, or been disqualified  
8 for the nomination, the vacancy thereby created shall be:

9 (1) Deemed to have occurred after the day of the general election; and

10 (2) Filled in accordance with this article or other provisions of law.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1302.

12 No changes are made.

13 5-1303.

14 (a) (1) If a nominee dies, declines the nomination, or is disqualified after the  
15 primary election but before a certificate of nomination is issued by the appropriate  
16 board with which candidates for that office must file a certificate of candidacy under  
17 § 5-302 of this title, the canvass and certification of the primary election results shall  
18 proceed as though the candidate had not died, declined the nomination, or been  
19 disqualified.

20 (2) If, following the canvass and certification, the individual who is  
21 certified as the nominee has died, declined the nomination, or been disqualified, a  
22 successor nominee may be named in the manner provided by law.

23 (b) (1) If a winning candidate dies, declines the office, or becomes  
24 disqualified after the general election but before the certification of the general  
25 election results, the canvass and certification shall proceed as though the candidate  
26 had not died, declined the office, or been disqualified.

27 (2) If, following the canvass and certification of the general election  
28 results, the individual who is declared elected has died, declined the office, or been  
29 disqualified, the office shall be declared vacant and filled in the manner provided by  
30 law.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 5-1303.

32 No changes are made.

33 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

34 "Candidate" § 1-101

35 "Election" § 1-101

36 "Write-in candidate" § 1-101

## 1 Title 6. Petitions.

## 2 Subtitle 1. Definitions and General Provisions.

3 6-101.

4 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

5 (b) "Affidavit" means a statement executed under penalty of perjury.

6 (c) "Chief election official" means:

7 (1) As to the State Board, the State Administrator; or

8 (2) As to a local board, the election director.

9 (d) "Circulator" means an individual who attests to one or more signatures  
10 affixed to a petition.

11 (e) "Election authority" means:

12 (1) The State Board; or

13 (2) As to a local petition, the local board for that county.

14 (f) "Legal authority" means:

15 (1) The Attorney General; or

16 (2) As to a local petition, the county attorney or law department for that  
17 county.

18 (g) "Local petition" means a petition:

19 (1) On which the signatures from only one county may be counted; and

20 (2) That does not seek to:

21 (i) Refer a public local law enacted by the General Assembly; or

22 (ii) Nominate an individual for an office for which a certificate of  
23 candidacy is required to be filed with the State Board.

24 (h) "Page" means a piece of paper comprising a part of a petition.

25 (i) "Petition" means all of the associated pages necessary to fulfill the  
26 requirements of a process established by the law by which individuals affix their  
27 signatures as evidence of support for:28 (1) Placing the name of an individual, the names of individuals, or a  
29 question on the ballot at any election;

- 1           (2)     The creation of a new political party; or
- 2           (3)     The appointment of a charter board under Article XI-A, § 1A of the  
3 Maryland Constitution.

4     (j)     "Sponsor" means the person who coordinates the collection of signatures  
5 for a petition and who, if the petition is filed, is named on the information page as  
6 required by § 6-201 of this title.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-101.

8     No changes are made.

9 6-102.

10   (a)     Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this title applies to any  
11 petition authorized by law to place the name of an individual or a question on the  
12 ballot or to create a new political party.

13   (b)     This title does not apply to a petition filed pursuant to Article 23A of the  
14 Code.

15   (c)     This title may not be interpreted to conflict with any provision relating to  
16 petitions specified in the Maryland Constitution.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-102.

18     No changes are made.

19 6-103.

20   (a)   (1)     The State Board shall adopt regulations, consistent with this title, to  
21 carry out the provisions of this title.

22           (2)     The regulations shall:

23               (i)     Prescribe the form and content of petitions;

24               (ii)    Specify procedures for the circulation of petitions for signatures;

25               (iii)   Specify procedures for the verification and counting of  
26 signatures; and

27               (iv)    Provide any other procedural or technical requirements that the  
28 State Board considers appropriate.

29   (b)   (1)     The State Board shall:

30               (i)     Prepare guidelines and instructions relating to the petition  
31 process; and

1 (ii) Design and arrange to have printed sample forms conforming to  
2 this subtitle for each purpose for which a petition is authorized by law.

3 (2) The guidelines, instructions, and forms shall be provided to the  
4 public, on request, without charge.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-103.

6 No changes are made.

7 Subtitle 2. Content and Process of Petitions.

8 6-201.

9 (a) A petition shall contain:

10 (1) An information page; and

11 (2) Signature pages containing not less than the total number of  
12 signatures required by law to be filed.

13 (b) The information page shall contain:

14 (1) A description of the subject and purpose of the petition, conforming to  
15 the requirements of regulations;

16 (2) Identification of the sponsor and, if the sponsor is an organization, of  
17 the individual designated to receive notices under this subtitle;

18 (3) The required information relating to the signatures contained in the  
19 petition;

20 (4) The required affidavit made and executed by the sponsor or, if the  
21 sponsor is an organization, by an individual responsible to and designated by the  
22 organization; and

23 (5) Any other information required by regulation.

24 (c) Each signature page shall contain:

25 (1) A description of the subject and purpose of the petition, conforming to  
26 the requirements of regulations;

27 (2) If the petition seeks to place a question on the ballot, either:

28 (i) A fair and accurate summary of the substantive provisions of  
29 the proposal; or

30 (ii) The full text of the proposal;

31 (3) A statement, to which each signer subscribes, that:

1 (i) The signer supports the purpose of that petition process; and

2 (ii) Based on the signer's information and belief, the signer is a  
3 registered voter in the county specified on the page and is eligible to have his or her  
4 signature counted;

5 (4) Spaces for signatures and the required information relating to the  
6 signers;

7 (5) A space for the name of the county in which each of the signers of that  
8 page is a registered voter;

9 (6) A space for the required affidavit made and executed by the  
10 circulator; and

11 (7) Any other information required by regulation.

12 (d) If the petition seeks to place a question on the ballot and the sponsor elects  
13 to print a summary of the proposal on each signature page as provided in subsection  
14 (c)(2)(i) of this section:

15 (1) The circulator shall have the full text of the proposal present at the  
16 time and place that each signature is affixed to the page; and

17 (2) The signature page shall state that the full text is available from the  
18 circulator.

19 (e) A signature page shall satisfy the requirements of subsections (c) and (d)(2)  
20 of this section before any signature is affixed to it and at all relevant times thereafter.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-201.

22 No changes are made.

23 6-202.

24 (a) The format of the petition prepared by a sponsor may be submitted to the  
25 chief election official of the appropriate election authority, in advance of filing the  
26 petition, for a determination of its sufficiency.

27 (b) In making the determination, the chief election official may seek the  
28 advice of the legal authority.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-202.

30 No changes are made.

31 6-203.

32 (a) To sign a petition, an individual shall:

1 (1) Sign the individual's name as it appears on the registration list or the  
2 individual's surname of registration and at least one full given name and the initials  
3 of any other names; and

4 (2) Include the following information, printed or typed, in the spaces  
5 provided:

6 (i) The signer's name as it was signed;

7 (ii) The signer's address;

8 (iii) The date of signing; and

9 (iv) Other information required by regulations adopted by the State  
10 Board.

11 (b) The signature of an individual shall be validated and counted if:

12 (1) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section have been satisfied;

13 (2) The individual is a registered voter in the county specified on the  
14 signature page and, if applicable, in a particular geographic area of the county;

15 (3) The individual has not previously signed the same petition;

16 (4) The signature is attested by an affidavit appearing on the page on  
17 which the signature appears;

18 (5) The date accompanying the signature is not later than the date of the  
19 affidavit on the page; and

20 (6) If applicable, the signature was affixed within the requisite period of  
21 time, as specified by law.

22 (c) (1) A signature may be removed:

23 (i) By the signer upon written application to the election authority  
24 with which the petition will be filed if the application is received by the election  
25 authority prior to the filing of that signature; or

26 (ii) Prior to the filing of that signature, by the circulator who  
27 attested to that signature or by the sponsor of the petition, if it is concluded that the  
28 signature does not satisfy the requirements of this title.

29 (2) A signature removed pursuant to paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection  
30 may not be included in the number of signatures stated on the information page  
31 included in the petition.

32 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-203.

33 No changes are made.

1 6-204.

2 (a) Each signature page shall contain an affidavit made and executed by the  
3 individual in whose presence all of the signatures on that page were affixed and who  
4 observed each of those signatures being affixed.

5 (b) The affidavit shall contain the statements, required by regulation,  
6 designed to assure the validity of the signatures and the fairness of the petition  
7 process.

8 (c) A circulator must be at least 18 years old at the time any of the signatures  
9 covered by the affidavit are affixed.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-204.

11 No changes are made.

12 6-205.

13 (a) (1) Unless otherwise required by the Maryland Constitution, a petition  
14 shall be filed, in person by or on behalf of the sponsor, in the office of the appropriate  
15 election authority.

16 (2) If the Maryland Constitution provides that a petition shall be filed  
17 with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall deliver the petition to the  
18 State Board within 24 hours.

19 (3) If the Maryland Constitution provides that a petition shall be filed  
20 with an official or governmental body of a county, the official or governmental body,  
21 after determining that the petition is in conformance with the requirements of law,  
22 shall dispatch the petition to the local board for that county within 24 hours.

23 (4) A petition forwarded under paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection  
24 shall be processed under this subtitle as if it had been filed with the election  
25 authority.

26 (b) The regulations adopted by the State Board may provide that the  
27 signature pages of a petition required to be filed with the State Board be delivered by  
28 the sponsor, or an individual authorized by the sponsor, to the appropriate local board  
29 or boards for verification and counting of signatures.

30 (c) A petition may not be accepted for filing unless the information page  
31 indicates that the petition satisfies any requirements established by law for the time  
32 of filing and for the number and geographic distribution of signatures.

33 (d) Subsequent to the filing of a petition under this subtitle, but prior to the  
34 deadline for filing the petition, additional signatures may be added to the petition by  
35 filing an amended information page and additional signature pages conforming to the  
36 requirements of this subtitle.



1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-205.

2 No changes are made.

3 6-206.

4 (a) Promptly upon the filing of a petition with an election authority, the chief  
5 election official of the election authority shall review the petition.

6 (b) Unless a determination of deficiency is made under subsection (c) of this  
7 section, the chief election official shall:

8 (1) Make a determination that the petition, as to matters other than the  
9 validity of signatures, is sufficient; or

10 (2) Defer a determination of sufficiency pending further review.

11 (c) The chief election official shall declare that the petition is deficient if the  
12 chief election official determines that:

13 (1) The petition was not timely filed;

14 (2) After providing the sponsor an opportunity to correct any clerical  
15 errors, the information provided by the sponsor indicates that the petition does not  
16 satisfy any requirements of law for the number or geographic distribution of  
17 signatures;

18 (3) An examination of unverified signatures indicates that the petition  
19 does not satisfy any requirements of law for the number or geographic distribution of  
20 signatures;

21 (4) The requirements relating to the form of the petition have not been  
22 satisfied;

23 (5) Based on the advice of the legal authority:

24 (i) The use of a petition for the subject matter of the petition is not  
25 authorized by law; or

26 (ii) The petition seeks:

27 1. The enactment of a law that would be unconstitutional or  
28 the election or nomination of an individual to an office for which that individual is not  
29 legally qualified to be a candidate; or

30 2. A result that is otherwise prohibited by law; or

31 (6) The petition has failed to satisfy some other requirement established  
32 by law.

1 (d) A determination under this section may not be inconsistent with an  
2 advance determination made under § 6-202 of this subtitle.

3 (e) Notice of a determination under this section shall be provided in  
4 accordance with § 6-210 of this subtitle.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-206.

6 No changes are made.

7 6-207.

8 (a) Upon the filing of a petition, and unless it has been declared deficient  
9 under § 6-206 of this subtitle, the staff of the election authority shall proceed to verify  
10 the signatures and count the validated signatures contained in the petition.

11 (b) The State Board, by regulation, shall establish the process to be followed  
12 by all election authorities for verifying and counting signatures on petitions.

13 (c) (1) The process established under subsection (b) of this section shall  
14 provide for optional verification of a random sample of signatures contained in a  
15 petition.

16 (2) Verification by random sample may only be used, with the approval  
17 of the State Board:

18 (i) For a single-county petition containing more than 500  
19 signatures; or

20 (ii) In the case of a multicounty petition, by a local board that  
21 receives signature pages containing more than 500 signatures.

22 (3) Verification under this subsection shall require the random selection  
23 and verification of 500 signatures or 5% of the total signatures on the petition,  
24 whichever number is greater, to determine what percentage of the random sample is  
25 composed of signatures that are authorized by law to be counted. That percentage  
26 shall be applied to the total number of signatures in the petition to establish the  
27 number of valid signatures for the petition.

28 (4) (i) If the random sample verification establishes that the total  
29 number of valid signatures does not equal 95% or more of the total number required,  
30 the petition shall be deemed to have an insufficient number of signatures.

31 (ii) If the random sample verification establishes that the total  
32 number of valid signatures exceeds 105% of the total number required, the petition  
33 shall be deemed to have a sufficient number of signatures.

34 (iii) If the random sample verification establishes that the total  
35 number of valid signatures is at least 95% but not more than 105% of the total

1 number required, a verification of all the signatures in the petition shall be  
2 conducted.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-207.

4 No changes are made.

5 6-208.

6 (a) At the conclusion of the verification and counting processes, the chief  
7 election official of the election authority shall:

8 (1) Determine whether the validated signatures contained in the petition  
9 are sufficient to satisfy all requirements established by law relating to the number  
10 and geographical distribution of signatures; and

11 (2) If it has not done so previously, determine whether the petition has  
12 satisfied all other requirements established by law for that petition and immediately  
13 notify the sponsor of that determination, including any specific deficiencies found.

14 (b) If the chief election official determines that a petition has satisfied all  
15 requirements established by law relating to that petition, the chief election official  
16 shall certify that the petition process has been completed and shall:

17 (1) With respect to a petition seeking to place the name of an individual  
18 or a question on the ballot, certify that the name or question has qualified to be placed  
19 on the ballot;

20 (2) With respect to a petition seeking to create a new political party,  
21 certify the sufficiency of the petition to the chairman of the governing body of the  
22 partisan organization; and

23 (3) With respect to the creation of a charter board under Article XI-A, §  
24 1A of the Maryland Constitution, certify that the petition is sufficient.

25 (c) Notice of a determination under this section shall be provided in  
26 accordance with § 6-210 of this subtitle.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-208.

28 No changes are made.

29 6-209.

30 (a) (1) A person aggrieved by a determination made under § 6-202, § 6-206,  
31 or § 6-208(a)(2) of this subtitle may seek judicial review:

32 (i) In the case of a statewide petition, a petition to refer an  
33 enactment of the General Assembly pursuant to Article XVI of the Maryland  
34 Constitution, or a petition for a congressional or General Assembly candidacy, in the  
35 Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County; or

1 (ii) As to any other petition, in the circuit court for the county in  
2 which the petition is filed.

3 (2) The court may grant relief as it considers appropriate to assure the  
4 integrity of the electoral process.

5 (3) Judicial review shall be expedited by each court that hears the cause  
6 to the extent necessary in consideration of the deadlines established by law.

7 (b) Pursuant to the Maryland Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act and upon  
8 the complaint of any registered voter, the circuit court of the county in which a  
9 petition has been or will be filed may grant declaratory relief as to any petition with  
10 respect to the provisions of this title or other provisions of law.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-209.

12 No changes are made.

13 6-210.

14 (a) (1) A request for an advance determination under § 6-202 of this subtitle  
15 shall be submitted at least 30 days, but not more than 2 years and 1 month, prior to  
16 the deadline for the filing of the petition.

17 (2) Within 5 business days of receiving the request for an advance  
18 determination, the election authority shall make the determination.

19 (b) Within 2 business days after an advance determination under § 6-202 of  
20 this subtitle, or a determination of deficiency under § 6-206 or § 6-208 of this  
21 subtitle, the chief election official of the election authority shall notify the sponsor of  
22 the determination.

23 (c) The verification and counting of validated signatures on a petition shall be  
24 completed within 20 days after the filing of the petition.

25 (d) Within 2 business days of the completion of the verification and counting  
26 processes, or, if judicial review is pending, within 2 business days after a final judicial  
27 decision, the appropriate election official shall make the certifications required by §  
28 6-208 of this subtitle.

29 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any judicial  
30 review of a determination, as provided in § 6-209 of this subtitle, shall be sought by  
31 the 10th day following the determination to which it relates.

32 (2) If the petition seeks to place the name of an individual or a question  
33 on the ballot at any election, judicial review shall be sought by the day specified in  
34 paragraph (1) of this subsection or the 63rd day preceding that election, whichever  
35 day is earlier.

36 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-210.

1 No changes are made.

2 6-211.

3 Offenses and penalties relating to the petition process shall be as provided in  
4 Title 16 of this article.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 6-211.

6 No changes are made.

7 Title 7. Questions.

8 7-101.

9 This title applies to the following types of ballot questions:

10 (1) A question relating to:

11 (i) The creation or adoption of a new Constitution or the calling of  
12 a constitutional convention; or

13 (ii) An amendment pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland  
14 Constitution;

15 (2) Referral of an enactment of the General Assembly pursuant to Article  
16 XVI of the Maryland Constitution;

17 (3) A question pursuant to Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution  
18 relating to:

19 (i) The creation of a charter home rule county government;

20 (ii) The approval of a county charter; or

21 (iii) The amendment of a county charter;

22 (4) A question relating to the creation of a code home rule county  
23 government pursuant to Article XI-F of the Maryland Constitution;

24 (5) A question relating to the alteration of county boundaries or the  
25 creation of a new county pursuant to Article XIII of the Maryland Constitution;

26 (6) A question referred to the voters pursuant to an enactment of the  
27 General Assembly;

28 (7) A question on an enactment of a charter county pursuant to Article  
29 25A, § 8 of the Code or a code county pursuant to Article 25B, § 10 of the Code;

30 (8) A question relating to the incorporation of a new municipality  
31 pursuant to Article 23A, § 21 of the Code;

1 (9) A question on the issuance of a bond pursuant to § 9-934 of the  
2 Environment Article; and

3 (10) Any other question that will be voted on in an election conducted  
4 pursuant to this article.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 7-101.

6 No changes are made.

7 7-102.

8 (a) (1) A question relating to the holding of a constitutional convention  
9 qualifies for the ballot automatically every 20 years pursuant to Article XIV, § 2 of the  
10 Maryland Constitution.

11 (2) A question relating to the adoption of a new or altered Constitution  
12 qualifies upon its adoption by a duly constituted convention pursuant to Article XIV,  
13 § 2 of the Maryland Constitution.

14 (3) An amendment to the Constitution qualifies upon its passage by the  
15 General Assembly pursuant to Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution.

16 (b) A question on an act of the General Assembly pursuant to Article XVI of  
17 the Maryland Constitution qualifies upon the certification under Title 6 of this  
18 article, that the petition has satisfied all the requirements established by Article XVI.

19 (c) (1) A question relating to the creation of a home rule county government  
20 qualifies upon either:

21 (i) A determination by the appropriate local authority that the  
22 applicable petition has satisfied all the requirements established by law relating to  
23 the creation of a charter board; or

24 (ii) The adoption by the governing body of a county of an enactment  
25 proposing that the county become a code county.

26 (2) A question relating to the approval of a county charter qualifies upon  
27 the adoption of a proposed charter by a charter board pursuant to the requirements  
28 prescribed by Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

29 (3) A question relating to the amendment of a county charter shall  
30 qualify either upon:

31 (i) The passage by the governing body of the county of a resolution  
32 proposing the amendment; or

33 (ii) A determination by the governing body of the county that a  
34 petition submitted has satisfied all the requirements established by law relating to  
35 petitions initiating charter amendments.

1 (d) A question relating to the creation of a new county or the alteration of  
2 county boundaries qualifies upon the enactment of the implementing public general  
3 law.

4 (e) A question referred to the voters as provided in an enactment of the  
5 General Assembly qualifies upon the enactment of the law calling for the question.

6 (f) (1) A question on an enactment by a charter county qualifies pursuant to  
7 local law and Article 25A, § 8 of the Code.

8 (2) A question on an enactment by a code county qualifies pursuant to  
9 local law and Article 25B, § 10 of the Code.

10 (g) A question relating to the incorporation of a new municipal corporation  
11 qualifies upon the determination by the county governing body that the applicable  
12 petition has satisfied all the requirements established by law for that petition.

13 (h) A referendum on a question of issuance of a bond pursuant to § 9-934 of  
14 the Environment Article qualifies upon submission of the question to the appropriate  
15 local board.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 7-102.

17 No changes are made.

18 7-103.

19 (a) In this section, "county attorney" means:

20 (1) The attorney or law department established by a county charter or  
21 local law to represent the county generally, including its legislative and executive  
22 officers; or

23 (2) If the county charter or local laws provide for different attorneys to  
24 represent the legislative and executive branches of county government, the attorney  
25 designated to represent the county legislative body.

26 (b) Each question shall appear on the ballot containing the following  
27 information:

28 (1) A question number or letter as determined under subsection (d) of  
29 this section;

30 (2) A brief designation of the type or source of the question;

31 (3) A brief descriptive title in boldface type;

32 (4) A condensed statement of the purpose of the question; and

33 (5) The voting choices that the voter [will have] HAS.

1 (c) (1) The Secretary of State shall prepare and certify to the State Board,  
2 not later than the third Monday in August, the information required under subsection  
3 (b) of this section, for all statewide ballot questions and all questions relating to an  
4 enactment of the General Assembly which is petitioned to referendum.

5 (2) The State Board shall prepare and certify to the appropriate local  
6 board, not later than the second Monday in August, the information required under  
7 subsection (b) of this section for all questions that have been referred to the voters of  
8 one county or part of one county pursuant to an enactment of the General Assembly.

9 (3) (i) Unless some other process is mandated by law, the county  
10 attorney of the appropriate county shall prepare and certify to the appropriate local  
11 board, not later than the third Monday in August, the information required under  
12 subsection (b) of this section for each question to be voted on in a single county or part  
13 of a county, except a question covered by paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this  
14 subsection.

15 (ii) If the information required under subsection (b) of this section  
16 has not been timely certified under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the clerk of  
17 the circuit court for the jurisdiction shall prepare and certify that information to the  
18 local board not later than the fourth Monday in August.

19 (iii) A local board shall provide a copy of each certified question to  
20 the State Board within 48 hours after receipt of the certification from the certifying  
21 authority.

22 (d) (1) Each statewide question and each question relating to an enactment  
23 of the General Assembly which is petitioned to referendum shall be assigned a  
24 numerical identifier in the following order:

25 (i) By years of sessions of the General Assembly at which enacted;  
26 and

27 (ii) For each such session, by chapter numbers of the Session Laws  
28 of that session.

29 (2) A question that has been referred to the voters of one county or part  
30 of one county pursuant to an enactment of the General Assembly shall be assigned an  
31 alphabetical identifier in an order established by the State Board.

32 (3) Questions certified under subsection (c)(3)(i) or (ii) of this section  
33 shall be assigned an alphabetical identifier in an order established by the certifying  
34 authority, consistent with and following the questions certified by the State Board.

35 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 7-103.

36 The only changes are in style.

37 Defined terms: "Local board" § 1-101

38 "State Board" § 1-101



1 7-104.

2 (a) A petition for the election of a charter board may not be filed unless all of  
3 the signatures attached to the petition have been written by the signers within 6  
4 months of the date when the petition is presented to the board.

5 (b) A petition relating to a question arising under Article XI-A of the  
6 Maryland Constitution shall be filed with the appropriate governmental body or  
7 officer not later than the second Monday in August in the year of the election at which  
8 the question is to be voted on.

9 (c) (1) At the time of filing a petition under the provisions of Article XI-A or  
10 Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution, the person who files the petition shall also  
11 file a signed statement, under penalty of perjury, showing the contributions and  
12 expenditures for the petition including:

13 (i) The name and post office address of every contributor to the  
14 expense of the petition;

15 (ii) The amount contributed by each contributor; and

16 (iii) The name and address of each person to whom any money was  
17 paid or promised for providing a service related to the petition.

18 (2) If the statement under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not filed  
19 with the petition, the petition may not be certified under § 6-208 of this article.

20 (3) (i) The individual who signed the statement required under  
21 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be a party to any proceeding to test the validity  
22 of the petition.

23 (ii) The proceeding shall be filed in the county where the person or  
24 association resides or maintains its principal place of business.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 7-104.

26 No changes are made.

27 7-105.

28 (a) A local board shall provide notice of each question to be submitted  
29 statewide and each question to be submitted to the voters of the county, by:

30 (1) Specimen ballot mailed at least 1 week before the general election; or

31 (2) Publication or dissemination by mass communication during the 3  
32 weeks immediately preceding the general election at which a question will appear on  
33 the ballot.

34 (b) (1) For any question submitted under Article XIV or Article XVI of the  
35 Maryland Constitution, the notice required by subsection (a) of this section shall

1 contain the information specified in § 7-103(b) of this title and a brief statement,  
2 prepared in clear and concise language, devoid of technical and legal terms to the  
3 extent practicable, summarizing the question.

4           (2)     The statement required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
5 be:

6                   (i)     Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services;

7                   (ii)    Approved by the Attorney General; and

8                   (iii)   Submitted to the State Board by the fourth Monday in August.

9           (3)     The statement required under paragraph (1) of this subsection is  
10 sufficient if it is:

11                   (i)     Contained in an enactment by the General Assembly, and the  
12 enactment clearly specifies that the statement is to be used on the ballot; or

13                   (ii)    Consistent with some other process mandated by the Maryland  
14 Constitution.

15   (c)     The State Board shall adopt regulations governing notice of questions to  
16 appear on the ballot, including the use and content of specimen ballots and the  
17 publication or dissemination of notice by mass communication.

18   (d)   (1)     The complete text of a question shall be posted or available for public  
19 inspection in the office of the State Board and each applicable local board for 30 days  
20 prior to the general election.

21           (2)     Copies of the complete text of all statewide questions shall be  
22 furnished by the State Board to the local boards in quantities as determined by the  
23 State Board, including quantities sufficient to provide one copy of each for posting in  
24 each polling place and in each local board office.

25           (3)     An individual may receive without charge a copy of the complete text  
26 of all constitutional amendments and questions from a local board, either in person or  
27 by mail.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 7-105.

29     No changes are made.

1 Title 8. Elections.

2 Subtitle 1. Elections Generally.

3 8-101.

4 (a) Under the supervision of the State Board, and in accordance with  
5 regulations and procedures adopted by the State Board, a local board shall conduct all  
6 elections held under this article in the county in which the board is located.

7 (b) Except where it would be inappropriate, or as otherwise provided in this  
8 article, the electoral process for primary elections, general elections, and special  
9 elections shall be uniform.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-101.

11 No changes are made.

12 8-102.

13 (a) Except as required under subsection (d) of this section, a local board shall  
14 provide notice of each election in its county to the registered voters of the county by  
15 either:

16 (1) Specimen ballot mailed at least 1 week before the election; or

17 (2) Publication or dissemination by mass communication during the  
18 calendar week preceding the election.

19 (b) The notice shall include:

20 (1) The time and place of the election; and

21 (2) The offices, candidate names, and questions contained on the ballot.

22 (c) (1) If a local board provides notice by mailing specimen ballots, a  
23 specimen ballot shall be mailed to all registered voters in the county who are eligible  
24 to vote in the election.

25 (2) The specimen ballot shall be a facsimile of the ballot that the voter is  
26 entitled to vote in the election.

27 (d) (1) In Prince George's County for the general election, the Board shall:

28 (i) Provide notice by mailing specimen ballots; and

29 (ii) Mail a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter  
30 in the County.

31 (2) The costs for mailing specimen ballots in Prince George's County  
32 shall be included in the County's annual budget appropriation to the local board.

1 (e) (1) Unless a local board mails a specimen ballot to its registered voters in  
2 accordance with subsection (c) or (d) of this section, the local board shall give notice of  
3 the election by newspaper publication or other means of mass communication.

4 (2) The notice of election under this subsection shall be arranged, if  
5 practicable, in the same order and form as the ballot.

6 (3) (i) If newspaper publication is used in a county, the notice shall be  
7 advertised in at least two newspapers of general circulation that are published in the  
8 county.

9 (ii) In a county in which only one newspaper is published, the  
10 notice shall be published in that newspaper.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-102.

12 No changes are made.

13 8-103.

14 (a) In the event of a state of emergency, declared by the Governor in  
15 accordance with the provisions of law, that interferes with the electoral process, the  
16 emergency proclamation may:

17 (1) Provide for the postponement, until a specific date, of the election in  
18 part or all of the State;

19 (2) Specify alternate voting locations; or

20 (3) Specify alternate voting systems.

21 (b) (1) If emergency circumstances, not constituting a declared state of  
22 emergency, interfere with the electoral process, the State Board or a local board, after  
23 conferring with the State Board, may petition a circuit court to take any action the  
24 court considers necessary to provide a remedy that is in the public interest and  
25 protects the integrity of the electoral process.

26 (2) The State Board shall develop guidelines concerning methods for  
27 addressing possible emergency situations.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-103.

29 No changes are made.

30 Subtitle 2. Primary Elections.

31 8-201.

32 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered  
33 year.

1 (2) A primary election shall be held:

2 (i) In the year in which the Governor is elected, on the second  
3 Tuesday after the first Monday in September; and

4 (ii) In the year in which the President of the United States is  
5 elected, on the first Tuesday in March.

6 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices on  
7 the second Tuesday following the first Monday in September in the year following the  
8 election of the Governor.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-201.

10 No changes are made.

11 8-202.

12 (a) A principal political party, as determined by the statement of registration  
13 issued by the State Board under § 3-509(b) of this article:

14 (1) Shall use the primary election to:

15 (i) Nominate its candidates for public office; and

16 (ii) Elect all members of the local central committees of the political  
17 party; and

18 (2) May use the primary election in the year of a presidential election to  
19 elect delegates to a national presidential nominating convention.

20 (b) Except for a nominee for President or Vice President, the name of a  
21 nominee of a principal political party may not appear on the ballot in a general  
22 election if the individual has not:

23 (1) Been nominated in the primary election; or

24 (2) Been designated to fill a vacancy in nomination in accordance with  
25 Subtitle 5 of this title.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-202.

27 No changes are made.

28 8-203.

29 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in accordance with  
30 Title 9, Subtitle 2 of this article, the State Board shall certify to the local board of a  
31 county the names of candidates on the primary election ballots in that county.

1 (b) This section does not apply to a special primary election for the office of  
2 Representative in Congress.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-203.

4 No changes are made.

5 8-204.

6 If a candidate qualifies for the primary election ballot in accordance with §  
7 5-601 of this article, and is unopposed for the nomination, the word "unopposed" shall  
8 be placed next to the candidate's name.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-204.

10 No changes are made.

11 8-205.

12 A voter may not cast a write-in vote in a primary election.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-205.

14 No changes are made.

15 Subtitle 3. General Elections.

16 8-301.

17 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide general election in each even-numbered  
18 year.

19 (2) A statewide general election shall be held on the Tuesday following  
20 the first Monday in November.

21 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a general election for municipal offices on  
22 the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the year following the election  
23 of the Governor.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-301.

25 No changes are made.

26 Subtitle 4. Special Elections.

27 8-401.

28 (a) A special primary election and a special general election may be held at a  
29 time other than the date of a regular primary election and a regular general election:

30 (1) To fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress; or

1 (2) To fill a vacancy in the county council if the charter of that county  
2 provides for [such] special elections.

3 (b) (1) Special elections to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in  
4 Congress shall be held at the time specified in Subtitle 7 of this title.

5 (2) Special elections to fill vacancies in a county council shall be held as  
6 provided in the county charter.

7 (c) An election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator shall be  
8 held concurrently with a regular election as provided in Subtitle 6 of this title.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-401.

10 The only changes are in style.

11 Subtitle 5. Presidential Elections.

12 8-501.

13 (a) Delegates and alternate delegates to the national presidential nominating  
14 convention of a political party shall be selected as provided in the national party rules  
15 of the party.

16 (b) The State central committee of each political party shall certify to the  
17 State Board, not later than January 1 in the year of the election:

18 (1) The number of delegates and alternate delegates to be selected in the  
19 State and the mode or modes of selection; and

20 (2) In the case of a principal political party:

21 (i) If delegates are to be elected by district, the number of delegates  
22 to be elected from each district;

23 (ii) Provisions for placing on the ballot the name of a presidential  
24 candidate, or the word "uncommitted", adjacent to the name of each candidate for  
25 delegate; and

26 (iii) Any other provisions of the national party rules of the party  
27 that relate to the election of delegates or alternate delegates at the primary election.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-501.

29 No changes are made.

30 8-502.

31 (a) This section applies to the placement on the ballot in the primary election  
32 of the names of individuals who are candidates for nomination by principal political  
33 parties to the office of President of the United States.

1 (b) An individual who desires to run in the primary election may be placed on  
2 the ballot only:

3 (1) By direction of the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection  
4 (c) of this section; or

5 (2) By filing, in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, a petition  
6 containing the signatures of at least 400 registered voters from each congressional  
7 district in the State.

8 (c) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
9 Secretary of State shall certify to the State Board the names of candidates for  
10 nomination by a principal political party during the period beginning 90 days before  
11 the primary election and ending 70 days before the primary election.

12 (ii) The Secretary of State shall certify to the State Board the  
13 names of candidates for the Democratic Party nomination on the first business day in  
14 the year of the election.

15 (2) The Secretary of State shall certify the name of a presidential  
16 candidate on the ballot when the Secretary has determined, in the Secretary's sole  
17 discretion and consistent with party rules, that the candidate's candidacy is generally  
18 advocated or recognized in the news media throughout the United States or in  
19 Maryland, unless the candidate executes and files with the Secretary of State an  
20 affidavit stating without qualification that [he or she] THE CANDIDATE is not and  
21 does not intend to become a candidate for the office in the Maryland primary election.

22 (d) (1) A candidate who seeks to be placed on the ballot by the petition  
23 process specified in subsection (b)(2) of this section shall file the petition, in the form  
24 prescribed by the State Board, as follows:

25 (i) For candidates for the nomination of the Democratic party, not  
26 later than 9 p.m. on the day that is 1 week later than the first business day of the year  
27 of the election; and

28 (ii) For candidates for the nomination of any other principal  
29 political party, at least 70 days before the day of the election.

30 (2) A petition filed under this section is not subject to Title 4 or Title 5 of  
31 this article.

32 (e) The State Board shall establish a procedure for the Democratic  
33 presidential primary through which votes may be cast as uncommitted to any  
34 presidential candidate.

35 (f) The names of the candidates for President qualifying under this section  
36 shall be certified to the local boards by the State Board and shall be printed on all  
37 ballots used for the primary election.

38 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-502.



1 The only changes are in style.

2 8-503.

3 (a) Each political party shall nominate or provide for the nomination of  
4 candidates for presidential elector of the party in accordance with party rules.

5 (b) The number of candidates nominated by each political party shall be the  
6 number that this State is entitled to elect.

7 (c) (1) The names of individuals nominated as candidates for presidential  
8 elector by a political party shall be certified to the State Board by the presiding  
9 officers of the political party.

10 (2) The names of individuals nominated as candidates for presidential  
11 elector by a candidate for President of the United States who is nominated by petition  
12 shall be certified to the State Board by the candidate on a form prescribed by the  
13 State Board.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-503.

15 No changes are made.

16 8-504.

17 (a) (1) At the general election for President and Vice President of the United  
18 States there shall be elected, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the  
19 number of presidential electors to which this State is entitled.

20 (2) Presidential electors shall be elected at large by the voters of the  
21 entire State.

22 (b) (1) The names of the candidates for the office of presidential elector may  
23 not be printed on the ballot.

24 (2) A vote for the candidates for President and Vice President of a  
25 political party shall be [deemed] CONSIDERED to be and counted as a vote for each of  
26 the presidential electors of the political party nominated in accordance with § 8-503  
27 of this subtitle.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-504.

29 The only changes are in style.

30 8-505.

31 (a) (1) The individuals elected to the office of presidential elector shall meet  
32 in the State House in the City of Annapolis on the day provided by the Constitution  
33 and laws of the United States.

1 (2) The conduct of the meeting shall be consistent with the requirements  
2 of federal law.

3 (b) (1) Before proceeding to perform the duties of their office, the  
4 presidential electors who are present shall fill any vacancy in the office of elector,  
5 whether the vacancy is caused by absence or other reason.

6 (2) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy is entitled to all rights and  
7 privileges of the duly elected electors.

8 (c) After taking the oath prescribed by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland  
9 Constitution before the Clerk of the Court of Appeals or, in the Clerk's absence, before  
10 one of the Clerk's deputies, the presidential electors shall cast their votes for the  
11 candidates for President and Vice President who received a plurality of the votes cast  
12 in the State of Maryland.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-505.

14 The only changes are in style.

15 Subtitle 6. United States Senators.

16 8-601.

17 Except for a special election to fill a vacancy, an election for the office of United  
18 States Senator shall be held:

19 (1) In 1998 and every sixth year thereafter; and

20 (2) In 2000 and every sixth year thereafter.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-601.

22 No changes are made.

23 8-602.

24 (a) (1) If there is a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, the  
25 Governor shall appoint an eligible individual to fill the vacancy.

26 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the appointed  
27 individual shall serve until a successor is elected pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
28 section to fill the remainder of the term.

29 (3) The appointed individual shall serve for the remainder of the term if  
30 the vacancy occurs after the date that is 21 days before the deadline for filing  
31 certificates of candidacy for the election that is held in the fourth year of the term.

32 (b) If the vacancy occurs before the date that is 21 days before the deadline for  
33 filing certificates of candidacy for the next succeeding regular statewide election, the  
34 Governor shall issue a proclamation immediately after the occurrence of the vacancy

1 declaring that a special primary election and a special general election shall be held  
2 at the same time as the next regular statewide primary election and regular  
3 statewide general election.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-602.

5 No changes are made.

6 Subtitle 7. Representatives in Congress.

7 8-701.

8 (a) The State is divided into eight districts for the election of the State's  
9 representatives in Congress.

10 (b) All references in this subtitle to election districts, wards, precincts, census  
11 tracts, and geographical features shall be [deemed] CONSIDERED to refer to those  
12 units and features as they existed on April 1, 1990.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-701.

14 The only changes are in style.

15 8-702.

16 (a) The first congressional district consists of the following counties in their  
17 entirety:

- 18 (1) Caroline County;
- 19 (2) Cecil County;
- 20 (3) Dorchester County;
- 21 (4) Kent County;
- 22 (5) Queen Anne's County;
- 23 (6) Somerset County;
- 24 (7) Talbot County;
- 25 (8) Wicomico County; and
- 26 (9) Worcester County.

27 (b) The district also includes the following parts of Anne Arundel County:

- 28 (1) Election district 6 in its entirety;
- 29 (2) Election district 1, precincts 3, 9, and 15 through 18;

- 1 (3) Election district 2, precincts 2 through 17;
- 2 (4) Election district 3, precincts 2 through 9 and 14;
- 3 (5) Election district 4, precincts 3, 4, and 6;
- 4 (6) Election district 5, precincts 1 through 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 17  
5 through 24;
- 6 (7) Election district 7, precincts 18 and 20;
- 7 (8) That part of election district 1, precinct 13 that is generally east of a  
8 line that runs along the center of West Arundel Road from Belle Grove Road to Levin  
9 Road, thence along the center of Levin Road to West Edgevale Road, thence along the  
10 center of West Edgevale Road to Belle Grove Road;
- 11 (9) That part of election district 4, precinct 2 that is generally west of a  
12 line that runs along the center of Damascus Street from Monterey Avenue to  
13 Telegraph Road, thence along the center of the Telegraph Road to Gill Street, thence  
14 along the center of Gill Street to Monterey Avenue; and
- 15 (10) That part of election district 5, precinct 14 that is generally south of  
16 a line that runs along the center of Earleigh Heights Road from Jumpers Hole Road  
17 to West Earleigh Heights Road.
- 18 (c) The district also includes the following parts of Baltimore City:
- 19 Ward 25, precincts 14 through 21.
- 20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-702.
- 21 No changes are made.
- 22 8-703.
- 23 (a) The second congressional district consists of Harford County in its entirety.
- 24 (b) The district also includes the following parts of Baltimore County:
- 25 (1) Election districts 5 through 8, 10, 12, and 15 in their entirety;
- 26 (2) Election district 4, precinct 6;
- 27 (3) Election district 9, precincts 3, 4, 5, 7 through 11, 15 through 19, 23,  
28 and 24;
- 29 (4) Election district 11, precincts 1 through 7 and 9;
- 30 (5) Election district 14, precincts 3, 5, 8, and 9; and

1           (6)       That part of election district 9, precinct 2 that is generally east of the  
 2 line that runs along the center of Bellona Avenue from Joppa Road to Willow Avenue,  
 3 thence along the center of Willow Avenue to Sherwood Avenue, thence along the  
 4 center of Sherwood Avenue to Walnut Hill Lane, thence along the center of Walnut  
 5 Hill Lane to Bellona Avenue, thence along the center of Bellona Avenue to Maywood  
 6 Avenue, thence along the center of Maywood Avenue to Clinton Street, thence along  
 7 the center of Clinton Street to Carrollton Avenue, thence along the center of  
 8 Carrollton Avenue to Boyce Avenue, thence along the center of Boyce Avenue to  
 9 Greenwood Road #2, thence along the center of Greenwood Road #2 to Greenwood  
 10 Run, thence along the center of Greenwood Run to a point east of Berwick Road,  
 11 thence along an imaginary line to Berwick Road, thence along the center of Berwick  
 12 Road to Locust Avenue, thence along the center of Locust Avenue to Bellona Avenue,  
 13 thence westerly along the center of Bellona Avenue to Ruxton Road, thence along the  
 14 center of Ruxton Road to the railroad tracks, thence along the center of the railroad  
 15 tracks to Greenwood Run, thence along the center of Greenwood Run to Bellona  
 16 Avenue, thence along the center of Bellona Avenue to North Charles Street.

17       (c)       The district also includes the following parts of Anne Arundel County:

18           (1)       Election district 3, precincts 1, 10 through 13, and 15 through 18;

19           (2)       Election district 5, precincts 9, 10, and 16; and

20           (3)       That part of election district 5, precinct 14 that is generally north of  
 21 a line that runs along the center of Earleigh Heights Road from Jumpers Hole Road  
 22 to West Earleigh Heights Road.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-703.

24       No changes are made.

25 8-704.

26       (a)       The third congressional district consists of the following parts of Baltimore  
 27 City:

28           (1)       Wards 1, 2, and 21 through 24 in their entirety;

29           (2)       Ward 3, precinct 3;

30           (3)       Ward 4, precinct 1;

31           (4)       Ward 6, precincts 5 and 6;

32           (5)       Ward 8, precincts 1 and 2;

33           (6)       Ward 13, precincts 2 through 5, 23, and 24;

34           (7)       Ward 25, precincts 3 through 13;

1 (8) Ward 26, precincts 1 through 24, 32 through 35, 39 through 45, and  
2 47 through 51;

3 (9) Ward 27, precincts 1 through 29, 31, 33 through 36, 59 through 62, 67  
4 through 91, and 102 through 108;

5 (10) Ward 28, precinct 1; and

6 (11) That part of ward 3, precinct 1 that is south of a line that runs along  
7 the center of North Eden Street from East Fayette Street to East Fairmont Avenue,  
8 thence along the center of East Fairmont Avenue to South Spring Street, thence along  
9 the center of South Spring Street to East Baltimore Street, thence along the center of  
10 East Baltimore Street to South Dallas Street, thence along the center of South Dallas  
11 Street to East Fayette Street.

12 (b) The district also includes the following parts of Baltimore County:

13 (1) Election district 13 in its entirety;

14 (2) Election district 2, precincts 8, 9, and 13 through 16;

15 (3) Election district 3, precincts 2 through 11;

16 (4) Election district 4, precincts 1, 2, 4, and 5;

17 (5) Election district 9, precincts 1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, and 22;

18 (6) Election district 11, precinct 8;

19 (7) Election district 14, precincts 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7; and

20 (8) That part of election district 9, precinct 2 that is generally west of the  
21 line that runs along the center of Bellona Avenue from Joppa Road to Willow Avenue,  
22 thence along the center of Willow Avenue to Sherwood Avenue, thence along the  
23 center of Sherwood Avenue to Walnut Hill Lane, thence along the center of Walnut  
24 Hill Lane to Bellona Avenue, thence along the center of Bellona Avenue to Maywood  
25 Avenue, thence along the center of Maywood Avenue to Clinton Street, thence along  
26 the center of Clinton Street to Carrollton Avenue, thence along the center of  
27 Carrollton Avenue to Boyce Avenue, thence along the center of Boyce Avenue to  
28 Greenwood Road #2, thence along the center of Greenwood Road #2 to Greenwood  
29 Run, thence along the center of Greenwood Run to a point east of Berwick Road,  
30 thence along an imaginary line to Berwick Road, thence along the center of Berwick  
31 Road to Locust Avenue, thence along the center of Locust Avenue to Bellona Avenue,  
32 thence westerly along the center of Bellona Avenue to Ruxton Road, thence along the  
33 center of Ruxton Road to the railroad tracks, thence along the center of the railroad  
34 tracks to Greenwood Run, thence along the center of Greenwood Run to Bellona  
35 Avenue, thence along the center of Bellona Avenue to North Charles Street.

36 (c) The district also includes the following parts of Anne Arundel County:

- 1           (1)     Election district 1, precincts 1, 2, 4 through 8, 10 through 12, 14, and  
2 19;
- 3           (2)     Election district 2, precinct 1;
- 4           (3)     Election district 4, precincts 7 and 10;
- 5           (4)     That part of election district 1, precinct 13 that is generally west of a  
6 line that runs along the center of West Arundel Road from Belle Grove Road to Levin  
7 Road, thence along the center of Levin Road to West Edgevale Road, thence along the  
8 center of West Edgevale Road to Belle Grove Road; and
- 9           (5)     That part of election district 4, precinct 5 that is generally east and  
10 north of a line that runs along the center of Midway Branch from Jessup Road to the  
11 Fort Meade property line, thence along the center of the Fort Meade property line to  
12 Annapolis Junction Road, thence along the center of Annapolis Junction Road to the  
13 Fort Meade property line, thence along the center of the Fort Meade property line to  
14 the railroad tracks, thence along the center of the railroad tracks to Odenton Road.
- 15       (d)     The district also includes the following parts of Howard County:
- 16           (1)     Election district 1, precincts 1 through 4 and 6;
- 17           (2)     Election district 5, precincts 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, and 14 through 17;
- 18           (3)     Election district 6, precincts 4, 5, 6, 8 through 14, 16 through 23, and  
19 26; and
- 20           (4)     That part of election district 1, precinct 5 that is south of a line that  
21 runs along the center of the power transmission line from Waterloo Road to Deep  
22 Run, thence along the center of Deep Run to Old Montgomery Road.
- 23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-704.
- 24       No changes are made.
- 25 8-705.
- 26       (a)     The fourth congressional district consists of the following parts of Prince  
27 George's County:
- 28           (1)     Election districts 2, 6, 12, 13, and 18 in their entirety;
- 29           (2)     Election district 3, precinct 3;
- 30           (3)     Election district 5, precincts 2 through 6;
- 31           (4)     Election district 7, precinct 9;
- 32           (5)     Election district 9, precincts 3 and 5;

- 1 (6) Election district 15, precinct 2;
- 2 (7) Election district 17, precincts 1 through 10 and 12 through 15;
- 3 (8) Election district 19, precinct 5;
- 4 (9) Election district 20, precincts 3 through 5 and 8; and
- 5 (10) That part of election district 20, precinct 9 that is south of a line that  
6 runs along the center of Lanham Severn Road from 96th Avenue to Seabrook Road,  
7 thence along the center of Seabrook Road to Dubarry Road, thence along the center of  
8 Dubarry Road to Crestview Drive, thence along the center of Crestview Drive to  
9 Worrel Avenue, thence along the center of Worrel Avenue to Greenwood Lane, thence  
10 along the center of Greenwood Lane to Annapolis Road.

11 (b) The district also includes the following parts of Montgomery County:

- 12 (1) Election district 5, precincts 1 through 14, 16, and 17;
- 13 (2) Election district 13, precincts 4 through 10, 12 through 16, 18, 21  
14 through 23, 41, 47, 49, 50, 55, 56, and 64; and
- 15 (3) That part of election district 13, precinct 48 that is east of a line that  
16 runs south along the center of Rippling Brook Drive from Bel Pre Road, the northern  
17 boundary of the precinct, to the proposed outer beltway, the southern boundary of the  
18 precinct; and that part of election district 13, precinct 48 that is west of a line that  
19 runs south from Bel Pre Road, the northern boundary of the precinct, along the center  
20 of Beaverwood Lane to its junction with Beechvue Lane; thence northwest and south  
21 along the center of Beechvue Lane to its junction with Beaverwood Lane; thence west  
22 along the center of Beaverwood Lane to its junction with Birchtree Lane; thence  
23 southwest along the center of Birchtree Lane to its junction with Beret Lane; thence  
24 southwest and northwest at the first junction along the center of Beret Lane to its  
25 junction with Bustleton Lane and Beret Lane; thence southwest along the center of  
26 Beret Lane to its junction with an unnamed blacktop line of prolongation to Turkey  
27 Branch; thence southwest along the center of Turkey Branch to its intersection with  
28 Georgia Avenue (Md. Route 97), the southwestern boundary of the precinct.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-705.

30 No changes are made.

31 8-706.

32 (a) The fifth congressional district consists of the following counties in their  
33 entirety:

- 34 (1) Calvert County;
- 35 (2) Charles County; and
- 36 (3) St. Mary's County.



1 (b) The district also includes the following parts of Prince George's County:

2 (1) Election districts 1, 4, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 21 in their entirety;

3 (2) Election district 3, precincts 1 and 2;

4 (3) Election district 5, precinct 1;

5 (4) Election district 7, precincts 1 through 8;

6 (5) Election district 9, precincts 1, 2, 4, and 6 through 9;

7 (6) Election district 15, precincts 1 and 3;

8 (7) Election district 17, precinct 11;

9 (8) Election district 19, precincts 1 through 4;

10 (9) Election district 20, precincts 1, 2, 6, and 7; and

11 (10) That part of election district 20, precinct 9 that is north of a line that  
12 runs along the center of Lanham Severn Road from 96th Avenue to Seabrook Road,  
13 thence along the center of Seabrook Road to Dubarry Road, thence along the center of  
14 Dubarry Road to Crestview Drive, thence along the center of Crestview Drive to  
15 Worrel Avenue, thence along the center of Worrel Avenue to Greenwood Lane, thence  
16 along the center of Greenwood Lane to Annapolis Road.

17 (c) The district also includes the following parts of Anne Arundel County:

18 (1) Election district 4, precincts 1, 8, 9, and 11;

19 (2) Election district 7, precincts 1 through 17 and 19;

20 (3) That part of election district 4, precinct 2 that is generally east of a  
21 line that runs along the center of Damascus Street from Monterey Avenue to  
22 Telegraph Road, thence along the center of Telegraph Road to Gill Street, thence  
23 along the center of Gill Street to Monterey Avenue; and

24 (4) That part of election district 4, precinct 5 that is generally west and  
25 south of a line that runs along the center of Midway Branch from Jessup Road to the  
26 Fort Meade property line, thence along the center of the Fort Meade property line to  
27 Annapolis Junction Road, thence along the center of Annapolis Junction Road to the  
28 Fort Meade property line, thence along the center of the Fort Meade property line to  
29 the railroad tracks, thence along the center of the railroad tracks to Odenton Road.

30 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-706.

31 No changes are made.

1 8-707.

2 (a) The sixth congressional district consists of the following counties in their  
3 entirety:

- 4 (1) Allegany County;
- 5 (2) Carroll County;
- 6 (3) Frederick County;
- 7 (4) Garrett County; and
- 8 (5) Washington County.

9 (b) The district also consists of the following parts of Howard County:

- 10 (1) Election districts 2, 3, and 4 in their entirety;
- 11 (2) Election district 5, precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13;
- 12 (3) Election district 6, precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 15, 24, and 25; and
- 13 (4) That part of election district 1, precinct 5 that is north of a line that  
14 runs along the center of the power transmission line from Waterloo Road to Deep  
15 Run, thence along the center of Deep Run to Old Montgomery Road.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-707.

17 No changes are made.

18 8-708.

19 (a) The seventh congressional district consists of the following parts of  
20 Baltimore City:

- 21 (1) Wards 5, 7, 9 through 12, and 14 through 20 in their entirety;
- 22 (2) Ward 3, precinct 2;
- 23 (3) Ward 4, precincts 2 and 3;
- 24 (4) Ward 6, precincts 1 through 4;
- 25 (5) Ward 8, precincts 3 through 13;
- 26 (6) Ward 13, precincts 1, 6 through 22, and 25;
- 27 (7) Ward 25, precincts 1 and 2;
- 28 (8) Ward 26, precincts 25 through 31, 36 through 38, and 46;

1 (9) Ward 27, precincts 30, 32, 37 through 58, 63 through 66, and 92  
2 through 101;

3 (10) Ward 28, precincts 2 through 20; and

4 (11) That part of ward 3, precinct 1 that is north of a line that runs along  
5 the center of North Eden Street from East Fayette Street to East Fairmont Avenue,  
6 thence along the center of East Fairmont Avenue to South Spring Street, thence along  
7 the center of South Spring Street to East Baltimore Street, thence along the center of  
8 East Baltimore Street to South Dallas Street, thence along the center of South Dallas  
9 Street to East Fayette Street.

10 (b) The district also includes the following parts of Baltimore County:

11 (1) Election district 1 in its entirety;

12 (2) Election district 2, precincts 1 through 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19;

13 (3) Election district 3, precinct 1; and

14 (4) Election district 4, precinct 3.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-708.

16 No changes are made.

17 8-709.

18 The eighth congressional district consists of the following parts of Montgomery  
19 County:

20 (1) Election districts 1 through 4, 6, and 7 through 12 in their entirety;

21 (2) Election district 5, precincts 15, 18, 19, and 20;

22 (3) Election district 13, precincts 1, 2, 3, 11, 17, 19, 20, 24 through 40, 42  
23 through 46, 51 through 54, 57 through 60, 62, and 63; and

24 (4) That part of election district 13, precinct 48 that is west of a line that  
25 runs south along the center of Rippling Brook Drive from Bel Pre Road, the northern  
26 boundary of the precinct, to the proposed outer Beltway, the southern boundary of the  
27 precinct; and that part of election district 13, precinct 48 that is east of a line that  
28 runs south from Bel Pre Road, the northern boundary of the precinct, along the center  
29 of Beaverwood Lane to its junction with Beechvue Lane; thence northwest and south  
30 along the center of Beechvue Lane to its junction with Beaverwood Lane; thence west  
31 along the center of Beaverwood Lane to its junction with Birchtree Lane; thence  
32 southwest along the center of Birchtree Lane to its junction with Beret Lane; thence  
33 southwest and northwest at the first junction along the center of Beret Lane to its  
34 junction with Bustleton Lane and Beret Lane; thence southwest along the center of  
35 Beret Lane to its junction with an unnamed blacktop line of prolongation to Turkey

1 Branch; thence southwest along the center of Turkey Branch to its intersection with  
2 Georgia Avenue (Md. Route 97), the southwestern boundary of the precinct.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-709.

4 No changes are made.

5 8-710.

6 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if there is a  
7 vacancy in the office of representative in [Congress] CONGRESS, the Governor shall  
8 issue a proclamation, within 10 days after the date that the vacancy occurs or  
9 becomes known to the Governor, declaring that a special primary election and a  
10 special general election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

11 (2) If the vacancy occurs during the period beginning 60 days before the  
12 regular primary election and ending on the last day of the term, the Governor may:

13 (i) Decline to issue a proclamation; and

14 (ii) Allow the office to remain vacant for the remainder of the term.

15 (b) (1) The Governor's proclamation shall specify the dates of the special  
16 primary election and the special general election.

17 (2) The special primary election shall be held on a Tuesday that is at  
18 least 36 days after the date of the proclamation.

19 (3) The special general election shall be held on a Tuesday that is at least  
20 36 days after the date of the special primary election.

21 (c) (1) The Governor shall:

22 (i) Immediately give public notice of the proclamation; and

23 (ii) Deliver the proclamation to the State Administrator [of the  
24 State Board].

25 (2) The State Administrator [of the State Board] shall:

26 (i) Immediately notify the State Board members and the local  
27 boards of the counties that comprise the congressional district; and

28 (ii) Forward to each of those local boards a copy of the  
29 proclamation.

30 (d) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the vacancy  
31 occurs or becomes known to the Governor during the period beginning 120 days before  
32 the regular primary election for representatives in Congress and ending 40 days  
33 before the primary election, the Governor's proclamation shall order that:

1 (i) The special primary election shall be merged with the regular  
2 primary election;

3 (ii) Any individual who files a certificate of candidacy for the  
4 regular primary election shall be deemed to have filed a certificate of candidacy for  
5 the special primary election; and

6 (iii) Any other qualified individual may file a certificate of  
7 candidacy, for both the special primary election and the regular primary election, not  
8 later than 9 p.m. on the day that is 2 days after the issuance of the proclamation.

9 (2) A vote cast for a candidate in the merged primary election shall be  
10 deemed a vote for that candidate in both the special primary election and the regular  
11 primary election.

12 (3) Two certificates of nomination, one for the special primary election  
13 and one for the regular primary election, shall be issued to each candidate nominated  
14 in the merged primary election.

15 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this article:

16 (i) A nominee for the special primary election may decline the  
17 nomination by notifying the State Board not later than 5 p.m. on the Wednesday  
18 following the primary election;

19 (ii) The appropriate political party shall fill the vacancy in  
20 nomination not later than 5 p.m. on the Thursday following the primary election; and

21 (iii) A petition for recount and recanvass of the special primary  
22 election shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the Wednesday following the primary  
23 election.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-710.

25 In subsection (c)(1)(ii) and (2) of this section, the former references to "of  
26 the State Board" are deleted as incorrect and inconsistent with a defined  
27 term.

28 The only other changes are in style.

29 Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

30 "Political party" § 1-101

31 "State Administrator" § 1-101

32 "State Board" § 1-101

33 8-711.

34 (a) At least 20 days before the special primary election, the State Board shall  
35 certify to the appropriate local boards the name, residence, and party affiliation of  
36 each candidate who qualifies to appear on the primary election ballot.

1 (b) At least 20 days before the special general election, the State Board shall  
2 certify to the appropriate local boards the name, residence, and party affiliation of  
3 each nominee who qualifies to appear on the general election ballot.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-711.

5 No changes are made.

6 Subtitle 8. Boards of Education.

7 8-801.

8 Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle and in Title 3 of the Education  
9 Article, the provisions of this article relating to the nomination and election of  
10 candidates to public office shall govern the nomination and election of members to an  
11 elected county board of education.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-801.

13 No changes are made.

14 8-802.

15 (a) (1) (i) Members of boards of education shall be elected on a  
16 nonpartisan basis.

17 (ii) In a primary election to nominate board of education  
18 candidates, any registered voter of the county, regardless of party affiliation or lack of  
19 party affiliation, is eligible to vote in those contests for nomination.

20 (2) Candidates for election to boards of education shall, without party  
21 designation or regard to party affiliation:

22 (i) File certificates of candidacy;

23 (ii) Be certified to the ballot;

24 (iii) Appear on the ballot;

25 (iv) Be voted on; and

26 (v) Be nominated and elected.

27 (b) This section does not apply to candidates for nomination or election to a  
28 board of education if Title 3 of the Education Article requires a partisan election.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-802.

30 No changes are made.

1 8-803.

2 (a) Before certifying the name of a board of education candidate to appear on  
3 the ballot, the local board shall determine whether the candidate qualifies as  
4 provided under Title 3 of the Education Article and Title 5 of this article.

5 (b) An individual may not qualify as a board of education candidate or  
6 nominee by filing a petition.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-803.

8 No changes are made.

9 8-804.

10 (a) In each year that one or more members of a board of education are to be  
11 elected, candidates shall be nominated at the primary election.

12 (b) (1) If a candidate dies or becomes disqualified before the ballots are  
13 printed, or at a time when the ballots can be reprinted, the name of the candidate may  
14 not appear on the ballot.

15 (2) If a candidate dies or becomes disqualified after the ballots are  
16 printed and too late for the ballot to be reprinted, any votes cast for that candidate  
17 may not be counted.

18 (c) (1) The candidates, equal in number to twice the number of offices to be  
19 filled, who receive the largest number of votes in the primary election shall be the  
20 nominated candidates.

21 (2) If two or more candidates each receive the lowest number of votes  
22 necessary to qualify for nomination, creating a tie for the last nomination for the  
23 office to be filled, each shall be a nominated candidate.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-804.

25 No changes are made.

26 8-805.

27 (a) (1) If, after the primary election but before the general election, a  
28 nominee dies, declines the nomination, or becomes disqualified before the ballots are  
29 printed or at a time when the ballots can be reprinted, the name of the nominee may  
30 not appear on the ballot.

31 (2) If the number of remaining nominees is less than the number of  
32 offices to be filled, a new nominee shall be appointed in the same manner as provided  
33 in the Education Article for filling a vacancy on the board of education.

34 (b) If a nominee dies, declines the nomination, or is disqualified after the  
35 ballots are printed and too late for the ballot to be reprinted, and if that nominee

1 receives sufficient votes to have been elected, the office shall be deemed vacant and  
2 shall be filled as if the vacancy had occurred during the term of office.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-805.

4 No changes are made.

5 8-806.

6 (a) In a general election for board of education members, a voter may vote for  
7 a number of nominees equal to the number of members to be elected.

8 (b) (1) The nominees, equal in number to the number of offices to be filled,  
9 who receive the largest number of votes in a general election shall be declared elected.

10 (2) (i) If two or more nominees each receive the lowest number of votes  
11 necessary to qualify for election, creating a tie for the last office to be filled, the office  
12 shall be considered vacant.

13 (ii) A vacancy occurring under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph  
14 shall be filled:

15 1. As if the vacancy occurred during the term of office for  
16 which the election is being held; and

17 2. By the selection of one of the nominees who ties in the  
18 general election.

19 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 8-806.

20 No changes are made.

21 Title 9. Voting.

22 Subtitle 1. Voting Systems.

23 9-101.

24 (a) The State Board, in consultation with the local boards, shall select and  
25 certify a voting system for voting in polling places and a voting system for absentee  
26 voting.

27 (b) The voting system selected and certified for voting in polling places and  
28 the voting system selected and certified for absentee voting shall be used in all  
29 counties.

30 (c) The State Board shall acquire:

31 (1) The voting system selected and certified for voting in polling places;  
32 and



1 (2) The voting system selected and certified for absentee voting.

2 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-101.

3 No changes are made.

4 9-102.

5 (a) The State Board shall adopt regulations for the review, certification, and  
6 decertification of voting systems.

7 (b) The State Board shall periodically review and evaluate alternative voting  
8 systems.

9 (c) The State Board may not certify a voting system unless the State Board  
10 determines that:

11 (1) The voting system will:

12 (i) Protect the secrecy of the ballot;

13 (ii) Protect the security of the voting process;

14 (iii) Count and record all votes accurately;

15 (iv) Accommodate any ballot used under this article;

16 (v) Protect all other rights of voters and candidates; and

17 (vi) Be capable of creating a paper record of all votes cast in order  
18 that an audit trail is available in the event of a recount;

19 (2) The voting system has been:

20 (i) Examined by an independent testing laboratory that is  
21 approved by the National Association of State Election Directors; and

22 (ii) Shown by the testing laboratory to meet the performance and  
23 test standards for electronic voting systems established by the Federal Election  
24 Commission; and

25 (3) The public interest will be served by the certification of the voting  
26 system.

27 (d) In determining whether a voting system meets the required standards, the  
28 State Board shall consider:

29 (1) The commercial availability of the system and its replacement parts  
30 and components;

31 (2) The availability of continuing service for the system;

- 1 (3) The cost of implementing the system;
- 2 (4) The efficiency of the system;
- 3 (5) The likelihood [of breakdown] THAT THE SYSTEM WILL  
4 MALFUNCTION;
- 5 (6) The system's ease of understanding for the voter;
- 6 (7) The convenience of voting afforded by the system;
- 7 (8) The timeliness of the tabulation and reporting of election returns;
- 8 (9) The potential for an alternative means of verifying the tabulation;
- 9 (10) Accessibility for all voters with disabilities recognized by the  
10 Americans with Disabilities Act; and
- 11 (11) Any other factor that the State Board considers relevant.
- 12 (e) (1) The State Board shall adopt regulations relating to requirements for  
13 each voting system selected and certified under § 9-101 of this subtitle.
- 14 (2) The regulations shall specify the procedures necessary to assure that  
15 the standards of this title are maintained, including:
- 16 (i) A description of the voting system;
- 17 (ii) A public information program by the local board, at the time of  
18 introduction of a new voting system, to be directed to all voters, candidates, campaign  
19 groups, schools, and news media in the county;
- 20 (iii) Local election officials' responsibility for management of the  
21 system;
- 22 (iv) The actions required to assure the security of the voting system;
- 23 (v) The supplies and equipment required;
- 24 (vi) The storage, delivery, and return of the supplies and equipment  
25 necessary for the operation of the voting system;
- 26 (vii) Standards for training election officials in the operation and use  
27 of the voting system;
- 28 (viii) Before each election and for all ballot styles to be used, testing  
29 by the members of the local board to ensure the accuracy of tallying, tabulation, and  
30 reporting of the vote, and observing of that testing by representatives of political  
31 parties and of candidates who are not affiliated with political parties;

1 (ix) The number of voting stations or voting booths required in each  
2 polling place, in relation to the number of registered voters assigned to the polling  
3 place;

4 (x) The practices and procedures in each polling place appropriate  
5 to the operation of the voting system;

6 (xi) Assuring ballot accountability in systems using a document  
7 ballot;

8 (xii) The actions required to tabulate votes; and

9 (xiii) Postelection review and audit of the system's output.

10 (3) Certification of a voting system is not effective until the regulations  
11 applicable to the voting system have been adopted.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-102.

13 In subsection (d)(5) of this section, the reference to a "malfunction" of the  
14 "system" is substituted for the former reference to "breakdown" for clarity.

15 No other changes are made.

16 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

17 "Document ballot" § 1-101

18 "Local board" § 1-101

19 "Political party" § 1-101

20 "State Board" § 1-101

21 "Voting system" § 1-101

22 9-103.

23 (a) The State Board:

24 (1) May decertify a voting system previously certified if the State Board  
25 determines that the system no longer merits certification; and

26 (2) Shall decertify a previously certified voting system if the voting  
27 system no longer meets one or more of the standards in § 9-102(c)(1)(i) through (iii) of  
28 this subtitle.

29 (b) The State Board shall determine the effective date and conditions of the  
30 decertification.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-103.

32 No changes are made.

1 9-104. BORROWING TO PURCHASE VOTING SYSTEM.

2 (A) DEFINITION.

3 IN THIS SECTION, "BONDS" MEANS INDIVIDUAL NOTES, BONDS, OR OTHER  
4 EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

5 (B) AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY.

6 A COUNTY MAY ISSUE BONDS TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF THE COSTS OF A  
7 VOTING SYSTEM.

8 (C) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

9 A COUNTY MAY:

10 (1) ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF  
11 THE COSTS OF A VOTING SYSTEM WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY CONSTITUTIONAL,  
12 STATUTORY, CHARTER, OR OTHER LIMITATIONS ON THE BORROWING POWER OF THE  
13 COUNTY; AND

14 (2) PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND TAXING POWER TO THE  
15 PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

16 (D) BONDS -- REQUIREMENTS.

17 (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.

18 (2) THE BONDS OF EACH ISSUE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE  
19 OR RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY.

20 (3) THE AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SHALL SPECIFY  
21 THAT THE BONDS:

22 (I) BE DATED;

23 (II) BEAR INTEREST AT A RATE OR RATES TO BE DETERMINED IN  
24 THE MANNER THAT IS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION; AND

25 (III) MATURE AT CERTAIN TIMES.

26 (4) THE AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION MAY MAKE THE  
27 BONDS REDEEMABLE BEFORE MATURITY:

28 (I) AT THE PRICE SET BEFORE BONDS ARE ISSUED; AND

29 (II) UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET BEFORE BONDS ARE  
30 ISSUED.

31 (5) THE AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SHALL:

1 (I) CITE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND  
2 THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED;

3 (II) DETERMINE THE FORM OF THE BONDS;

4 (III) FIX THE DENOMINATION OF THE BONDS; AND

5 (IV) FIX THE PLACE WHERE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST MAY BE  
6 PAID, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A BANK OR TRUST COMPANY INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE  
7 STATE.

8 (6) THE BONDS SHALL BE SIGNED, MANUALLY OR BY FACSIMILE, BY AN  
9 OFFICER OF THE ISSUING COUNTY, AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OR FACSIMILE  
10 THEREOF SHALL BE AFFIXED TO THE BONDS AND ATTESTED TO IN THE MANNER  
11 THAT THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES.

12 (7) THE SIGNATURE OF AN OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OR ITS FACSIMILE  
13 THAT APPEARS ON A BOND IS VALID EVEN IF THAT OFFICER CEASES TO HOLD  
14 OFFICE BEFORE THE BONDS ARE DELIVERED OR TAKES OFFICE AFTER THE DATE OF  
15 ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

16 (8) THE BONDS SHALL HAVE ALL THE QUALITIES AND INCIDENTS OF  
17 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE MARYLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.

18 (9) THE BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN SUCH REGISTERED FORM AS IS  
19 SPECIFIED IN THE AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION.

20 (10) THE BONDS MAY BE SOLD:

21 (I) AT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE AS THE COUNTY  
22 DETERMINES TO BE IN ITS BEST INTEREST; AND

23 (II) AT THE PRICE OR PRICES DETERMINED IN THE MANNER THAT  
24 IS SPECIFIED IN THE AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION.

25 (E) SAME -- USE OF PROCEEDS.

26 (1) AFTER PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
27 CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS, THE  
28 ENTIRE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
29 BE USED SOLELY FOR THE COSTS OF THE VOTING SYSTEM FOR WHICH THE BONDS  
30 WERE ISSUED.

31 (2) ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE FUNDING OF COSTS OF THE  
32 VOTING SYSTEM SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL  
33 OF AND THE INTEREST ON, OR THE REDEMPTION OF, THE BONDS.

34 (F) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS -- REPAYMENT.

35 (1) (I) IN EACH FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
36 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE OUTSTANDING, THE COUNTY SHALL LEVY OR

1 CAUSE TO BE LEVIED AD VALOREM TAXES, ON ALL OF THE ASSESSABLE PROPERTY  
2 WITHIN THE COUNTY, AT A RATE OR IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR OR  
3 ASSURE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS WHEN  
4 AND AS THEY BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE.

5 (II) IF THE PROCEEDS OF TAXES LEVIED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR  
6 PROVE INADEQUATE FOR THE PAYMENT, THE COUNTY SHALL LEVY OR CAUSE TO BE  
7 LEVIED ADDITIONAL TAXES IN THE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO MAKE UP ANY  
8 DEFICIENCY.

9 (2) THE PROCEEDS OF A LEVY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
10 USED ONLY TO PAY PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING BONDS ISSUED  
11 UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (G) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

13 A BOND ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION, ITS TRANSFER, THE INTEREST PAYABLE  
14 ON IT, AND THE INCOME FROM IT, INCLUDING ANY PROFIT REALIZED IN THE SALE  
15 OR EXCHANGE OF IT, SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE AND REMAIN EXEMPT FROM TAXATION  
16 OF ANY KIND AND NATURE BY:

17 (1) THE STATE, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR OTHER  
18 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; OR

19 (2) A UNIT OF THE STATE, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR  
20 OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

21 (H) APPLICATION OF OTHER CODE PROVISIONS.

22 ARTICLE 31, §§ 9 THROUGH 11 OF THE CODE DO NOT APPLY TO BONDS ISSUED  
23 UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), (c)(1) and (d) through (h) of this  
25 section are new language derived without substantive change from former  
26 Art. 33, § 9-104.

27 Subsection (c)(2) of this section is new language added for clarity and  
28 consistency with similar provisions recently enacted by the General  
29 Assembly.

30 This section generally is revised to modernize, clarify, and conform the  
31 language of former Art. 33, § 9-104 to the general bond provisions under  
32 State law.

33 In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the phrase referring to the authority of  
34 a county to issue "bonds to finance all or part of the costs of" a voting  
35 system is substituted for the former phrase "borrow money to fund the  
36 purchase" for clarity, consistency with modern terminology, and to avoid  
37 ambiguity, since the former phrase may have implied that the issuance of  
38 the bonds must antedate the acquisition of the voting system. In fact,

- 1 many counties schedule bond sales without regard to the activities of the  
2 county purchasing department.
- 3 In subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the former reference to  
4 "governing body" is deleted as surplusage.
- 5 In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the phrase "constitutional, statutory,  
6 charter, or other" limitations is added for clarity.
- 7 In subsection (d) of this section, the former provisions relating to "coupon"  
8 bonds are deleted since the federal law requiring the registration of  
9 tax-exempt bonds has eliminated coupon bonds. *See* § 149(a) of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 11 Also in subsection (d) of this section, the references to an "ordinance or  
12 resolution" are added for clarity.
- 13 In subsection (d)(4)(i), (5)(iii) and (iv), and (6) of this section, the former  
14 references to "prices", "denominations", "places", and "officers",  
15 respectively, are deleted in light of Art. 1, § 8, which states that the  
16 singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- 17 In subsection (d)(7) of this section, the former statement that the signature  
18 or facsimile of a signature of an authorized officer who ceases to hold office  
19 is "sufficient for all purposes" with regard to the integrity of the bonds is  
20 deleted in light of the statement that the signature or facsimile of the  
21 officer's signature remains "valid" even if the officer later ceases to hold  
22 office.
- 23 Also in subsection (d)(7) of this section, the phrase "or takes office after the  
24 date of issuance of the bonds" is added for clarity and completeness.
- 25 In subsection (e)(2) of this section, the reference to "payment of the  
26 principal" is added for clarity and completeness.
- 27 Also in subsection (e)(2) of this section, the reference to "funding" costs of a  
28 system is substituted for the former reference to "purchase" of a system for  
29 clarity.
- 30 Subsection (f) of this section revises the provisions under former Art. 33, §  
31 9-104(b)(4) governing the levying of taxes to pay the principal of and  
32 interest on bonds to conform to provisions in other parts of State law and  
33 public local laws. As revised, this subsection spells out the process with  
34 some particularity, and in a manner consistent with other county general  
35 bonds, so that voting system bonds are not burdened with a cloud on the  
36 security of the bonds.
- 37 In subsection (g) of this section, the reference to "or other political  
38 subdivision of the State" is added for clarity. Similarly, in subsection (g)(2)  
39 of this section, the reference to a "unit" is added.

1 Defined terms: "County" § 1-101

2 "Voting system" § 1-101

3 9-105.

4 (a) Acquisition of a voting system shall be by purchase, lease, or rental and  
5 shall be exempt from State, county, or municipal taxation.

6 (b) (1) A local board may lease a voting system to any governmental or  
7 nongovernmental entity within the county.

8 (2) The local board shall determine the terms and conditions of the lease.

9 (3) The local board shall pay to the governing body of the county, within  
10 30 days of receipt, the proceeds of the lease.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-105.

12 No changes are made.

13 9-106.

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, on or after January 1,  
15 2002, a county may not use mechanical lever voting machines to conduct elections.

16 (b) Until January 1, 2002, if a county uses mechanical lever voting machines  
17 to conduct elections, the members of the local board:

18 (1) Shall appoint a voting machine custodian and a deputy custodian;  
19 and

20 (2) May employ additional deputy custodians.

21 (c) The voting machine custodian and deputy custodians shall have the duties,  
22 and complete any training program, specified in regulations adopted by the State  
23 Board.

24 (d) The provisions of this section do not apply in a county until:

25 (1) A uniform statewide voting system for voting in polling places is  
26 selected and certified by the State Board under the provisions of § 9-101 of this  
27 subtitle; and

28 (2) The voting system is available for use by the voters in the county.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-106.

30 No changes are made.



1 Subtitle 2. Ballots.

2 9-201.

3 (a) In any election conducted under this article:

4 (1) All voting shall be by ballot; and

5 (2) Only votes cast on a ballot may be counted.

6 (b) All ballots shall comply with the provisions of this subtitle.

7 (c) A ballot may not be used for any purpose not authorized by this article.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-201.

9 No changes are made.

10 9-202.

11 (a) The State Board shall certify the content and the arrangement of each  
12 ballot to be used in an election that is subject to this article.

13 (b) Each local board shall place questions, candidates, and other material on  
14 the ballot in that county in accordance with the content and arrangement prescribed  
15 by the State Board.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-202.

17 No changes are made.

18 9-203.

19 Each ballot shall:

20 (1) Be easily understandable by voters;

21 (2) Present all candidates and questions in a fair and nondiscriminatory  
22 manner;

23 (3) Permit the voter to easily record a vote on questions and on the  
24 voter's choices among candidates;

25 (4) Protect the secrecy of each voter's choices; and

26 (5) Facilitate the accurate tabulation of the choices of the voters.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-203.

28 No changes are made.

1 9-204.

2 (a) Subject to the other provisions of this subtitle and to different  
3 presentations required or made desirable by different voting systems, all ballots used  
4 in an election shall be as uniform as possible.

5 (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, or unless a provision  
6 is clearly inappropriate to absentee ballots, the provisions of this subtitle relating to  
7 ballot content and arrangement shall apply to the arrangement of absentee ballots.

8 (c) If applicable for the voting system in use, the appropriate components of  
9 the voting system shall be configured for a primary election to permit the voter to vote  
10 only for the candidates for which the voter is entitled to vote.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-204.

12 No changes are made.

13 9-205.

14 Each ballot shall contain:

15 (1) A heading as provided in § 9-206(a) of this subtitle;

16 (2) A statement of each question that has met all of the qualifications to  
17 appear on the ballot;

18 (3) The title of each office to be voted on;

19 (4) The name, as specified in the certificate of candidacy, or as otherwise  
20 provided in Title 5 of this article, of each candidate who has been certified by the  
21 State Board;

22 (5) A party designation for certain candidates as provided in this  
23 subtitle;

24 (6) A means by which a voter may cast write-in votes, as provided in this  
25 subtitle; and

26 (7) Instructions to voters as provided in this subtitle.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-205.

28 No changes are made.

29 9-206.

30 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a heading shall be  
31 printed at the top of the ballot and shall contain, in the following order:

32 (1) The words "Official Ballot";

1 (2) The type of election, i.e., regular or special, primary or general, and  
2 any other information required to identify the election being held;

3 (3) The date of the election;

4 (4) The words "State of Maryland" and the name of the county;

5 (5) In a primary election, the name of the political party or the words  
6 "nonpartisan ballot", as applicable, for which the ballot or a portion of the ballot is to  
7 be used; and

8 (6) If more than one ballot style will be used in the county in the election,  
9 the ballot style indicator.

10 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a voting  
11 machine ballot if the State Board determines there is insufficient space.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-206.

13 No changes are made.

14 9-207.

15 (a) The State Board shall certify the content and arrangement of each ballot:

16 (1) For a primary election, at least 50 days before the election;

17 (2) For a general election:

18 (i) In the year that the President of the United States is elected, at  
19 least 55 days before the election; and

20 (ii) In any other year, not more than 18 days after the primary  
21 election;

22 (3) For a special primary election, at least 18 days before the election;  
23 and

24 (4) For a special general election, not later than a date specified in the  
25 Governor's proclamation.

26 (b) The Court of Appeals, on petition of the State Board, may establish a later  
27 date in extraordinary circumstances.

28 (c) Within 48 hours after certification, the State Board shall deliver to each  
29 local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that county.

30 (d) (1) Within 5 days after the certification, or a later date that the Court of  
31 Appeals establishes in extraordinary circumstances on petition of the State Board, a  
32 local board shall:

1 (i) Prepare the arrangement for all ballots to be used in the county,  
2 using the arrangement prescribed by the State Board; and

3 (ii) Display the content and arrangement, in a manner that is  
4 accessible to the public, on all days that the office is open through the day of the  
5 election.

6 (2) Except pursuant to a court order under § 9-209 of this subtitle, or as  
7 provided in § 9-208 of this subtitle, the content and arrangement of the ballot may  
8 not be modified after the third day of the public display.

9 (e) Unless a delay is required by court order, a local board may begin to print  
10 the ballots after 3 days of public display and, with the approval of the State Board,  
11 correction of any noted errors.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-207.

13 No changes are made.

14 9-208.

15 (a) If an error or a change in circumstances requires a local board to make a  
16 change in a ballot after the ballots have been printed, with the approval of the State  
17 Board the local board shall act as provided in this section.

18 (b) (1) If there is sufficient time, the local board shall reprint the ballot.

19 (2) If there is insufficient time for reprinting the ballot and if the voting  
20 system can accommodate it, the local board shall print a sufficient number of stickers  
21 incorporating the change or correction. The stickers shall be consistent with the  
22 printed ballots and be affixed to the ballots in the appropriate places.

23 (3) If there is insufficient time for reprinting the ballots and if the voting  
24 system cannot accommodate stickers, the local board shall notify the voters of the  
25 change or correction in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board.

26 (c) After any change or correction on a ballot, the local board shall  
27 immediately take all reasonable steps to notify all candidates on the ballot and any  
28 other persons whom the local board considers appropriate.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-208.

30 No changes are made.

31 9-209.

32 (a) Within 3 days after the content and arrangement of the ballot are placed  
33 on public display under § 9-207 of this subtitle, a registered voter may seek judicial  
34 review of the content and arrangement, or to correct any other error, by filing a sworn  
35 petition with the circuit court for the county.

1 (b) The circuit court may require the local board to:

2 (1) Correct an error;

3 (2) Show cause why an error should not be corrected; or

4 (3) Take any other action required to provide appropriate relief.

5 (c) If an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed, and the local  
6 board fails to correct the error, a registered voter may seek judicial review not later  
7 than the second Monday preceding the election.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-209.

9 No changes are made.

10 9-210.

11 (a) The offices to be voted on shall be arranged on the ballot in the following  
12 order, as applicable:

13 (1) Public offices for which voters of the entire State may vote, in the  
14 following order:

15 (i) President of the United States, or President and Vice President  
16 of the United States;

17 (ii) Governor and Lieutenant Governor;

18 (iii) Comptroller;

19 (iv) Attorney General; and

20 (v) United States Senator;

21 (2) Representative in Congress;

22 (3) Members of the General Assembly of Maryland, in the following  
23 order:

24 (i) Senate of Maryland; and

25 (ii) House of Delegates;

26 (4) Members of the governing body of a county, in the following order:

27 (i) County executive; and

28 (ii) County council or county commissioner;

29 (5) Offices in the government of the City of Baltimore, in the following  
30 order:

- 1 (i) Mayor;
- 2 (ii) President of the City Council;
- 3 (iii) Comptroller; and
- 4 (iv) Member of the City Council;
- 5 (6) Judicial offices, in the following order:
- 6 (i) Judge of the circuit court;
- 7 (ii) Appellate judges, continuance in office, in the following order:
- 8 1. Court of Appeals; and
- 9 2. Court of Special Appeals;
- 10 (7) Public offices for which the voters of a county may vote, in the  
11 following order:
- 12 (i) County treasurer;
- 13 (ii) State's Attorney;
- 14 (iii) Clerk of the circuit court;
- 15 (iv) Register of wills;
- 16 (v) Judge of the orphans' court;
- 17 (vi) Sheriff; and
- 18 (vii) Other offices filled by partisan election;
- 19 (8) Party offices; and
- 20 (9) Offices filled by nonpartisan election.
- 21 (b) Any office not specified in subsection (a) of this section shall be placed on  
22 the ballot following the offices specified in subsection (a).
- 23 (c) Within any category of offices, if the ballot contains one or more contests  
24 for at large election and one or more contests for election by district, the contest or  
25 contests to be voted on at large shall appear first.
- 26 (d) In a prominent position adjacent to the title of each office, there shall be  
27 instructions stating the number of candidates for whom the voter lawfully may vote.
- 28 (e) (1) A ballot shall contain the name of every candidate who is authorized  
29 under the provisions of this article to appear on the ballot.

1 (2) Each candidate shall be listed on the ballot in the contest for which  
2 the candidate has qualified.

3 (f) (1) In a general election, the voter shall be afforded the opportunity to  
4 cast a write-in vote for as many positions as are to be filled in a contest.

5 (2) On a document ballot, in each contest a blank line or lines for  
6 write-in voting shall follow the printed names on the ballot.

7 (3) This subsection does not apply to questions or the continuance in  
8 office of appellate judges.

9 (g) (1) Except for contests for judicial office or an office to be filled by  
10 nonpartisan election, the party affiliation of a candidate who is a nominee of a  
11 political party shall be indicated on the ballot.

12 (2) (i) A candidate who is not a nominee of a political party or  
13 affiliated with a partisan organization shall be designated as an "unaffiliated".

14 (ii) A candidate who is affiliated with a partisan organization shall  
15 be designated under "other candidates".

16 (3) The names of candidates for judge of the circuit court or for a county  
17 board of education, and the names of incumbent appellate judges, shall be placed on  
18 the ballot without a party label or other distinguishing mark or location which might  
19 indicate party affiliation.

20 (h) (1) In an election of a member of the House of Delegates that is subject to  
21 the provisions of § 2-201(d) of the State Government Article, the name of a candidate  
22 shall be identified by the county in which the candidate resides.

23 (2) A candidate for President of the United States or Vice President of  
24 the United States shall be identified by the state in which the candidate resides.

25 (i) (1) If there is an election for members of the House of Delegates who are  
26 required to live in a specific county and only a certain number of delegates may be  
27 elected from that county, the ballot shall provide that a voter may not vote for more  
28 than that number of candidates from that specific county.

29 (2) In a legislative district where the delegates are to be elected by the  
30 voters of a multimember subdistrict that contains more than two counties or parts of  
31 more than two counties, a voter may cast a vote for the specified number of delegates  
32 to be elected in the subdistrict without regard to the county of residence of the  
33 candidate.

34 (j) (1) In a primary election:

35 (i) On a voting machine ballot, the names of the candidates for  
36 party nomination shall be grouped together by party; and

1 (ii) On a document ballot, the ballot shall include only the names of  
2 candidates for which the voter is entitled to vote.

3 (2) In a general election:

4 (i) On a voting machine ballot, the names of the candidates of a  
5 political party shall be grouped together in adjacent rows or columns, and the  
6 majority party candidates shall be placed in the first row or column, followed by the  
7 candidates of the principal minority party, followed by other political parties in  
8 descending order based on the number of voters registered with the party, and finally  
9 by candidates not nominees of a political party; and

10 (ii) On a document ballot, for each office the names of candidates  
11 shall be grouped together by party, with the majority party candidate or candidates  
12 listed first, followed by the candidate or candidates of the principal minority party,  
13 followed by the candidate or candidates of other political parties in descending order  
14 based on the statewide registration of the party, and finally by candidates who are not  
15 nominees of a political party.

16 (3) In both primary elections and general elections, when there is more  
17 than one candidate of the same political party for nomination or election to an office,  
18 the names of the candidates in the group shall be listed in alphabetical order by  
19 surname. In the primary election, candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
20 shall be arranged in the order of surnames of the gubernatorial candidates.

21 (k) On a voting machine ballot, the arrangement shall use the smallest  
22 number of rows or columns necessary, as evenly sized as possible, to accommodate all  
23 offices and candidates on the ballot.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-210.

25 No changes are made.

26 9-211.

27 (a) Questions to be voted upon shall be placed on the ballot in the following  
28 order:

29 (1) Those relating to the creation or adoption of a new State  
30 Constitution;

31 (2) Those proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution;

32 (3) Those relating to other enactments of the General Assembly;

33 (4) Those relating to the creation or adoption of, or the amendment or  
34 other change in, the charter of a county;

35 (5) Those relating to other enactments by the governing body of a county;  
36 and



1 (6) Other questions.

2 (b) The numbering of questions on a ballot shall be as provided in Title 7 of  
3 this article.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-211.

5 No changes are made.

6 9-212.

7 If applicable to the voting system and the requirements of the election,  
8 instructions shall be printed on each ballot stating that additional candidates or  
9 questions appear on the reverse side of the ballot face or on other ballot faces.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-212.

11 No changes are made.

12 9-213.

13 The content of both an absentee ballot and a provisional ballot issued to a voter  
14 shall be identical to the ballot used in the polling place of the voter's residence.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-213.

16 No changes are made.

17 9-214.

18 Each local board shall provide specimen ballots, so labeled, for all ballots to be  
19 used in each election:

20 (1) For mailing to registered voters under Title 8 of this article, if  
21 mailing of specimen ballots is chosen or required in the county; and

22 (2) For other informational purposes in accordance with the provisions of  
23 this article.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-214.

25 No changes are made.

26 9-215.

27 (a) Each ballot shall be printed:

28 (1) In plain, clear type in black ink;

29 (2) On material of the size and arrangement that is required to fit the  
30 needs of the voting system; and

1 (3) (i) In a general election, on clear white material; or  
2 (ii) In a primary election, on material of a different color for voters  
3 of each political party and for voters not affiliated with a political party that  
4 nominates its candidates by primary election.

5 (b) Each local board shall arrange to have printed a supply of ballots that is at  
6 least the number that is the product of:

7 (1) The percentage of voters in the county who voted in the election that  
8 was 4 years prior, plus 10%; multiplied by

9 (2) The current number of registered voters in the county.

10 (c) The regulations adopted by the State Board for the use of each voting  
11 system shall provide standards for the printing of ballots, which assure that:

12 (1) The ballots will be printed and received in a timely fashion;

13 (2) The ballots will be suitable for use in the election;

14 (3) The ballots are clear and legible; and

15 (4) The printing and paper stock employed are durable.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-215.

17 No changes are made.

18 9-216.

19 (a) Consistent with the regulations adopted by the State Board for the voting  
20 system or systems used in the county, and subject to the approval of the State Board,  
21 each local board shall establish and maintain a system to account for, and maintain  
22 control over, the ballots from the beginning of production through postelection storage  
23 and disposition.

24 (b) The State Board shall monitor and periodically review the performance of  
25 the local boards in their compliance with subsection (a) of this section.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-216.

27 No changes are made.

28 9-217.

29 (a) A person may not use, distribute, possess, print, or reproduce a ballot other  
30 than as authorized in this article.

31 (b) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall  
32 be subject to the penalties provided in Title 16 of this article.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-217.

2 No changes are made.

3 Subtitle 3. Absentee Voting.

4 9-301.

5 (a) This subtitle applies to every election governed by this article.

6 (b) The State Board shall prescribe all forms required to comply with:

7 (1) This subtitle; and

8 (2) Any requirements of relevant federal law.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-301.

10 No changes are made.

11 9-302.

12 Each local board shall maintain a full record of absentee voting in the county,  
13 including, for each absentee voter:

14 (1) The date and time of the board's receipt of an application for an  
15 absentee ballot;

16 (2) The action taken with regard to the application;

17 (3) The appropriate ballot style;

18 (4) The date of issuance of a ballot;

19 (5) If mailed, the address to which the ballot is sent;

20 (6) The date and time of the receipt of a voted absentee ballot; and

21 (7) Any other information specified by the State Board.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-302.

23 No changes are made.

24 9-303.

25 (a) The State Board shall establish guidelines for the administration of  
26 absentee voting by the local boards.

27 (b) The guidelines shall provide for:

28 (1) The application process;

- 1 (2) Late application for absentee ballots;
- 2 (3) Ballot security, including storage of returned ballots;
- 3 (4) Determining timeliness of receipt of applications and ballots,  
4 including applications and ballots for overseas voters;
- 5 (5) The canvass process;
- 6 (6) Notice of the canvass to candidates, political parties, campaign  
7 organizations, news media, and the general public;
- 8 (7) Observers of the process;
- 9 (8) Review of voted ballots and envelopes for compliance with the law  
10 and for machine tabulation acceptability;
- 11 (9) Standards for disallowance of ballots during the canvass; and
- 12 (10) Storage and retention of ballots following canvass and certification.

13 (c) The State Board shall:

- 14 (1) In consultation with the local boards, assess the guidelines before  
15 each primary election; and
- 16 (2) Revise the guidelines if indicated.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-303.

18 No changes are made.

19 9-304.

20 (a) A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot at an election if the voter:

- 21 (1) May be absent on election day from the county in which the voter is  
22 registered;
- 23 (2) Because of accident, illness, or physical disability, will be unable to go  
24 to the polling place on election day;
- 25 (3) Because of confinement in or restriction to an institution, will be  
26 prevented from going to the polling place on election day;
- 27 (4) Because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family,  
28 will be unable to go to the polling place on election day;
- 29 (5) Is a full-time student at an institution of higher education located  
30 outside the voter's precinct but within the county of registration, and academic  
31 requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on election day; or

1 (6) Because of employment by or service as an official of the State Board  
2 or a local board, is required to be absent from the precinct in which the voter is  
3 registered to vote on election day.

4 (b) An individual may vote by absentee ballot if authorized under an  
5 applicable federal law.

6 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-304.

7 No changes are made.

8 9-305.

9 (a) An application for an absentee ballot, signed by the voter, may be made:

10 (1) On a form produced by the local board and supplied to the voter on  
11 request;

12 (2) On a form provided under federal law; or

13 (3) In a written request that includes:

14 (i) The voter's name and residence address;

15 (ii) The address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from  
16 the residence address; and

17 (iii) The reason, as authorized in § 9-304 of this subtitle, for  
18 absentee voting.

19 (b) Except for a late application under subsection (c) of this section, an  
20 application for an absentee ballot must be received by a local board not later than the  
21 Tuesday preceding the election, at the time specified in the guidelines.

22 (c) (1) Beginning on the Wednesday preceding the election, through the  
23 closing of the polls on election day, a registered voter or the voter's duly authorized  
24 agent may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the office of the local board if the  
25 voter is qualified for absentee voting under § 9-304 of this subtitle or § 10-102 of this  
26 article.

27 (2) A special application for an absentee ballot issued under this  
28 subsection shall be supplied by the staff of the local board to the voter or the voter's  
29 duly authorized agent.

30 (3) The application shall be made under penalty of perjury, but without a  
31 formal oath, specifying the reason for absentee voting.

32 (4) After review of the application, if the staff of the local board finds  
33 that the voter qualifies for absentee voting, the staff shall issue an absentee ballot to  
34 the voter or the voter's duly authorized agent.

1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-305.

2 No changes are made.

3 9-306.

4 (a) Promptly after receipt of an application, the election director shall review  
5 the application and determine whether the applicant qualifies to vote by absentee  
6 ballot.

7 (b) If the applicant qualifies to vote by absentee ballot, the local board shall  
8 send the ballot:

9 (1) As soon as practicable after receipt of the request; or

10 (2) If the ballots have not been received from the printer, as soon as  
11 practicable after the local board receives delivery of the ballots.

12 (c) (1) If the members of the local board determine that the applicant is not  
13 entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the local board shall notify the applicant as soon as  
14 practicable after receipt of the application of the reasons for the rejection.

15 (2) (i) The local board may delegate the determination under  
16 paragraph (1) of this subsection to the staff of the local board.

17 (ii) If the determination has been delegated, the applicant may  
18 appeal the rejection to the members of the local board, who shall decide the appeal as  
19 expeditiously as practicable.

20 (d) Not more than one absentee ballot may be issued to a voter unless the  
21 election director of the local board has reasonable grounds to believe that an absentee  
22 ballot previously issued to the voter has been lost, destroyed, or spoiled.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-306.

24 No changes are made.

25 9-307.

26 (a) A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to pick up and  
27 deliver an absentee ballot under this subtitle.

28 (b) An agent of the voter under this section:

29 (1) Must be at least 18 years old;

30 (2) May not be a candidate on that ballot;

31 (3) Shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty of  
32 perjury; and

1 (4) Shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot  
2 was:

3 (i) Delivered to the voter who submitted the application;

4 (ii) Marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with  
5 assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent's presence; and

6 (iii) Returned to the local board by the agent.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-307.

8 No changes are made.

9 9-308.

10 (a) A voter who requires assistance in casting an absentee ballot by reason of  
11 disability, inability to write, or inability to read the ballot may be assisted by any  
12 individual other than:

13 (1) A candidate who is on that ballot;

14 (2) The voter's employer or an agent of the employer; or

15 (3) An officer or agent of the voter's union.

16 (b) An individual rendering assistance under this section shall execute a  
17 certification as prescribed by the State Board and included in the instructions under  
18 § 9-309 of this subtitle.

19 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-308.

20 No changes are made.

21 9-309.

22 An absentee ballot shall be accompanied by instructions, prescribed by the State  
23 Board, for marking and returning the ballot.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-309.

25 No changes are made.

26 9-310.

27 (a) An absentee ballot shall be enclosed in specially printed envelopes, the  
28 form and content of which shall be prescribed by the State Board.

29 (b) (1) A local board may use either two envelopes or three envelopes.

1           (2)     If two envelopes are used, the inner envelope shall be designated the  
2 "ballot/return envelope", and, when issued, it shall fit inside the envelope designated  
3 the "outgoing envelope".

4           (3)     If three envelopes are used, the innermost envelope shall be  
5 designated the "ballot envelope", which shall fit inside the envelope designated the  
6 "return envelope", both of which, when issued, shall fit inside the envelope designated  
7 the "outgoing envelope".

8       (c)     When voted and returned to the local board, an absentee ballot shall be  
9 enclosed in a ballot envelope or ballot/return envelope, on which has been printed an  
10 oath prescribed by the State Board.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-310.

12     No changes are made.

13 9-311.

14       (a)     (1)     The members of a local board shall each be entitled to extra  
15 compensation, in addition to their regular compensation, for duties actually  
16 performed under this subtitle.

17           (2)     Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the amount of  
18 the extra compensation shall be \$10 per day, or a greater amount set by the governing  
19 body of the county.

20           (3)     In Baltimore City, the members of the local board shall receive \$200  
21 per election for duties under this subtitle.

22       (b)     The governing body of a county shall provide to the local board of the  
23 county an amount that is reasonable and necessary to pay for expenses, including the  
24 employment of temporary personnel, required for performing the duties required  
25 under this subtitle.

26       (c)     Payments under this section shall be made by the county governing body  
27 in the same manner that other funding is provided to the local board.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-311.

29     No changes are made.

30 9-312.

31     Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle  
32 is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years  
33 or both.

34 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-312.

35     No changes are made.



## 1 Subtitle 4. Provisional Ballots.

2 9-401.

3 (a) This subtitle applies to every election governed by this article.

4 (b) The State Board shall prescribe all forms required to comply with:

5 (1) This subtitle; and

6 (2) Any requirements of relevant federal law.

7 (c) The budget of the State Board for each fiscal year shall include funding  
8 necessary to support any additional personnel costs associated with the  
9 implementation of the provisional ballot system required under this article.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-401.

11 No changes are made.

12 9-402.

13 Each local board shall maintain a full record of provisional ballot voting in the  
14 county, including, for each voter who votes using a provisional ballot:

15 (1) The action taken with regard to the registration;

16 (2) The appropriate ballot style; and

17 (3) Any other information specified by the State Board.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-402.

19 No changes are made.

20 9-403.

21 (a) The State Board shall establish guidelines for the administration of  
22 provisional ballot voting by the local boards.

23 (b) The guidelines shall provide for:

24 (1) The temporary certificate registration process;

25 (2) Ballot security, including storage of returned ballots;

26 (3) The canvass process;

27 (4) Notice of the canvass to candidates, political parties, campaign  
28 organizations, news media, and the general public;

29 (5) Observers of the process;

1           (6)     Review of voted ballots and envelopes for compliance with the law  
2 and for machine tabulation acceptability;

3           (7)     Standards for disallowance of ballots during the canvass; and

4           (8)     Storage and retention of ballots following canvass and certification.

5     (c)     The State Board shall:

6           (1)     In consultation with the local boards, assess the guidelines before  
7 each primary election; and

8           (2)     Revise the guidelines if indicated.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-403.

10     No changes are made.

11 9-404.

12     An individual may vote using a provisional ballot on election day if the  
13 individual meets the requirements for a temporary certificate of registration set forth  
14 under § 3-601 of this article.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-404.

16     No changes are made.

17 9-405.

18     An individual requesting a provisional ballot shall complete and sign a  
19 temporary certificate of registration as provided under § 3-601 of this article.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-405.

21     No changes are made.

22 9-406.

23     (a)     A voter who requires assistance in casting a provisional ballot by reason of  
24 disability, inability to write, or inability to read the ballot may be assisted by any  
25 individual other than:

26           (1)     A candidate who is on that ballot;

27           (2)     The individual's employer or an agent of the employer; or

28           (3)     An officer or agent of the individual's union.

1 (b) An individual rendering assistance under this section shall execute a  
2 certification as prescribed by the State Board and included in the instructions under  
3 § 9-408 of this subtitle.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-406.

5 No changes are made.

6 9-407.

7 (a) A provisional ballot shall be accompanied by instructions, prescribed by  
8 the State Board, for marking and returning the ballot.

9 (b) When voted, a provisional ballot shall be enclosed in an envelope  
10 designated "provisional ballot/return envelope".

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-407.

12 No changes are made.

13 9-408.

14 Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle  
15 is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years  
16 or both.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-408.

18 No changes are made.

19 Title 10. Polling Places.

20 Subtitle 1. Polling Place Sites.

21 10-101.

22 (a) (1) Each local board shall designate a polling place that meets the  
23 requirements of this subsection for each precinct in the county as established by the  
24 local board in accordance with Title 2 of this article.

25 (2) Each polling place shall:

26 (i) Provide an environment that is suitable to the proper conduct of  
27 an election;

28 (ii) Be located as conveniently as practicable for the majority of  
29 registered voters assigned to that polling place;

30 (iii) Except as authorized in paragraph (4) of this subsection, be in a  
31 public building;

1 (iv) Be in the precinct [which] THAT it serves unless no suitable  
2 location for a polling place can be found within that precinct, in which case the board  
3 may establish the polling place in an adjacent precinct; and

4 (v) Whenever practicable, be selected and arranged to avoid  
5 architectural and other barriers that impede access or voting by elderly and  
6 physically disabled voters.

7 (3) (i) The public official responsible for the use of any public building  
8 requested by a local board for a polling place shall make available to the local board,  
9 without charge, the space that is needed in the building for the proper conduct of an  
10 election.

11 (ii) Light, heat, and custodial and janitorial services for the space  
12 shall be provided to the local board without charge.

13 (4) (i) If suitable space in a public building is not available, a local  
14 board may pay a reasonable fee for the use of space in a privately owned building.

15 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, an  
16 election may not be held in any building or part of any building used or occupied by an  
17 establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license.

18 (iii) An election may be held in a building that is owned and  
19 occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:

20 1. The local board determines that there is no suitable  
21 alternative place to hold an election;

22 2. The licensee agrees not to sell or dispense alcoholic  
23 beverages during the period beginning 2 hours before the polls open and ending 2  
24 hours after the polls close; and

25 3. Where applicable, all ballots are removed from the polling  
26 place by the local board immediately following the election.

27 (5) If a polling place is located in a building owned or leased by a  
28 volunteer fire company or rescue squad, the volunteer fire company or rescue squad  
29 may require the local board to pay for the use of the space that is needed in the  
30 building for the proper conduct of any election.

31 (b) (1) (i) In Baltimore City, public buildings shall be used for polling  
32 places to the greatest extent feasible.

33 (ii) For rental of privately owned polling places in [Baltimore City]  
34 BALTIMORE CITY, the local board shall pay an amount as determined in the ordinance  
35 of estimates, provided that the amount is uniform on a citywide basis.

36 (2) In Charles County, the local board may use private firehouses,  
37 private halls, and other buildings for polling places.

1 (3) In Montgomery County, the County Board of Education shall make  
2 available the space and custodial service as needed for the proper conduct of elections  
3 upon application by the local board.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-101.

5 The only changes are in style.

6 Defined terms: "Elderly" § 1-101

7 "Election" § 1-101

8 "Local board" § 1-101

9 "Precinct" § 1-101

10 10-102.

11 (a) If the polling place assigned to an elderly or disabled voter is not  
12 structurally barrier free, the voter may request a reassignment by the local board.

13 (b) (1) To qualify for a reassignment by the local board, the voter shall  
14 submit a request in writing to the local board not later than the close of registration  
15 for the election.

16 (2) The request may be made on a form prescribed by the State Board.

17 (c) On receipt of a request from an elderly or disabled voter under subsection  
18 (b) of this section, the local board shall either:

19 (1) Assign the voter to an election district, ward, or precinct in the voter's  
20 county that contains a structurally barrier free polling place; or

21 (2) Issue the voter an absentee ballot in accordance with the procedures  
22 established under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article, notwithstanding the voter's lack of  
23 eligibility for an absentee ballot under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article.

24 (d) Any ballot issued to a voter under subsection (c)(2) of this section shall be  
25 identical to the ballot used in the polling place originally assigned to the voter.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-102.

27 No changes are made.

28 Subtitle 2. Election Judges.

29 10-201.

30 (a) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each  
31 local board shall provide at least four election judges to be the staff for each polling  
32 place.

33 (ii) In a precinct with fewer than 200 registered voters, the local  
34 board may provide two election judges for that precinct's polling place.

1 (2) An election judge shall be appointed in accordance with the  
2 requirements of § 10-203 of this subtitle.

3 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each polling  
4 place shall have an equal number of election judges from:

5 (i) The majority party; and

6 (ii) The principal minority party.

7 (2) (i) If the total number of election judges for a precinct is six or  
8 more:

9 1. A local board may provide one or more election judges who  
10 are not registered with either the majority political party or principal minority  
11 political party; and

12 2. A local board may provide one or more election judges who  
13 are minors.

14 (ii) The number of election judges provided under this paragraph  
15 may not exceed the lesser of:

16 1. The number of election judges who belong to the majority  
17 party; or

18 2. The number of election judges who belong to the principal  
19 minority party.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-201.

21 No changes are made.

22 10-202.

23 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an election  
24 judge shall be a registered voter who resides in the county for which the election judge  
25 is appointed.

26 (2) (i) If a qualified individual residing in the county cannot be found  
27 with reasonable effort, the local board may appoint a registered voter residing in any  
28 part of the State.

29 (ii) A minor at least 17 years old who is appointed to be an election  
30 judge and who is too young to be a registered voter shall demonstrate, to the  
31 satisfaction of the local board, that the minor meets all of the other qualifications for  
32 registration in the county.

33 (b) An election judge shall be able to speak, read, and write the English  
34 language.

1 (c) [(1) While serving as an election judge, an] AN election judge [may not  
2 hold, or be a candidate for, any other public or political party office.

3 (2) An election judge] may not engage in any partisan or political  
4 activity [while on duty in the polling place] THAT IS PROSCRIBED BY § 2-301 OF THIS  
5 ARTICLE.

6 (d) A local board may adopt guidelines consistent with the provisions of this  
7 title for the determination of the qualifications of persons considered for appointment  
8 and for the process of appointment as election judges. To the extent not inconsistent  
9 with this subtitle, the guidelines may provide for the appointment of an election  
10 judge, other than the chief judge, to serve for less than a full day and for the judge to  
11 be compensated, on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the fees set under § 10-205 of  
12 this subtitle for a judge serving a full day.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-202.

14 Subsection (c) of this section is revised for clarity and consistency with §  
15 2-301 of this article.

16 The only other changes are in style.

17 Defined term: "Local board" § 1-101

18 10-203.

19 (a) The election director, with the approval of the local board, shall appoint the  
20 election judges for each polling place for a term that begins on the Tuesday that is 13  
21 weeks before each statewide primary election.

22 (b) One or two election judges in each precinct shall:

23 (1) Be designated chief judge; and

24 (2) Supervise the staff at the polling place.

25 (c) The term of office for an election judge continues until the Tuesday that is  
26 13 weeks before the next statewide primary election unless:

27 (1) The local board excuses the person for good cause; or

28 (2) A special election is held during the election judge's term of office and  
29 the State Board determines that a local board may not need the service of all of the  
30 appointed election judges.

31 (d) A local board shall fill each vacant election judge position in the same  
32 manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

33 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-203.

34 No changes are made.

1 10-204.

2 (a) (1) Each election judge shall take and subscribe to a written oath  
3 prescribed in Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

4 (2) The signed oath, when returned to the local board, shall constitute  
5 the commission of office for the election judge.

6 (b) The State Board shall prescribe a form for the combined oath and  
7 commission required under this section.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-204.

9 No changes are made.

10 10-205.

11 (a) A local board may fix the compensation of election judges within the limits  
12 authorized for this purpose by the county's governing body.

13 (b) (1) In Allegany County, the compensation for each day actually served  
14 may not be less than:

15 (i) \$100 per day for each chief election judge; and

16 (ii) \$80 per day for every other election judge.

17 (2) In Baltimore City, the compensation for each election day actually  
18 served shall be:

19 (i) \$150 per day for each chief election judge; and

20 (ii) \$125 per day for every other election judge.

21 (3) In Baltimore County, the compensation for each election day actually  
22 served shall be:

23 (i) \$160 per day for each chief election judge; and

24 (ii) \$125 per day for every other election judge.

25 (4) In Calvert County, the compensation for each election day actually  
26 served shall be:

27 (i) \$125 per day for each chief election judge; and

28 (ii) \$100 per day for every other election judge.

29 (5) In Harford County, the compensation for each election day actually  
30 served shall be:



- 1 (i) Not less than \$160 per day for each chief election judge; and  
 2 (ii) Not less than \$125 per day for every other election judge.

3 (6) (i) In Prince George's County, the compensation for each election  
 4 day actually served shall be:

- 5 1. \$200 per day for two chief election judges; and  
 6 2. \$125 per day for every other election judge.

7 (ii) 1. In Prince George's County, except as provided under  
 8 sub-subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, election judges and alternate election  
 9 judges shall receive \$25 as compensation for completing the course of instruction  
 10 required under § 10-206 of this subtitle.

11 2. An election judge or alternate election judge may not  
 12 receive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph if the election judge  
 13 refuses to serve on an election day, unless the local board excuses the election judge.

14 (7) (i) In Washington County, the compensation for each election day  
 15 actually served shall be:

- 16 1. \$125 per day for each chief election judge, plus a mileage  
 17 allowance as determined by the Washington County Board; and  
 18 2. \$100 per day for every other election judge.

19 (ii) In Washington County, a chief election judge or election judge  
 20 who successfully completes a course of instruction in poll working shall be eligible for  
 21 additional compensation, if approved by the Washington County Board and provided  
 22 for in the county budget.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-205.

24 No changes are made.

25 10-206.

26 (a) [(1)] In consultation with the local boards, the State Board shall:

- 27 [(i)] (1) Develop a program of instruction of election judges; and  
 28 [(ii)] (2) Oversee the implementation of the program of instruction.

29 (b) The training materials utilized by the program may include:

- 30 (1) An instruction manual and other written directives;  
 31 (2) Curriculum for training sessions; and

1 (3) Audiovisuals.

2 (c) The State Board shall develop a process for the evaluation of the training  
3 program and the performance of the polling place staff in each county.

4 (d) To the extent appropriate, the training program shall be specific to each of  
5 the voting systems used in polling places in the State.

6 (e) Each local board shall conduct election judge training based on the  
7 program developed by the State Board.

8 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each election  
9 judge shall participate in the training program provided for in subsection (a) of this  
10 section.

11 (2) An election judge who is appointed under emergency circumstances is  
12 not required to attend the course of instruction.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-206.

14 The only changes are in style.

15 10-207.

16 (a) A local board shall investigate promptly each complaint it receives  
17 regarding the fitness, qualification, or performance of an individual appointed to be  
18 an election judge.

19 (b) A local board shall remove any election judge who is unfit or incompetent  
20 for the office.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-207.

22 No changes are made.

23 Subtitle 3. Polling Place Procedures.

24 10-301.

25 (a) On an election day, a polling place shall be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

26 (b) A voter who has appeared at a polling place by the closing hour to cast a  
27 ballot shall be allowed to vote.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-301.

29 No changes are made.

1 10-302.

2 In a timely manner for each election, the local board shall provide for the  
3 delivery to each polling place the supplies, records, and equipment necessary for the  
4 conduct of the election.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-302.

6 No changes are made.

7 10-303.

8 (a) Under the supervision of a chief judge, an election judge shall:

9 (1) Carry out the tasks assigned by the local board, including those set  
10 forth in [the Election Judge Instruction Manual] ANY ELECTION JUDGE  
11 INSTRUCTION MANUAL developed in accordance with § 10-206 of this title, during the  
12 period of time that begins before the election through the close of the polls and the  
13 return of materials to the local board; and

14 (2) Take measures throughout election day to assure that:

15 (i) Each voter's right to cast a ballot in privacy is maintained;

16 (ii) The integrity of the voting process is preserved;

17 (iii) The accuracy of the counting process is protected;

18 (iv) Order in the polling place is maintained; and

19 (v) All election laws are observed.

20 (b) While serving as an election judge on an election day, an election judge  
21 shall wear a badge that:

22 (1) Is in plain view;

23 (2) Identifies the person as an election judge; and

24 (3) Identifies the person by name and by the ward and precinct or  
25 election district for which the person is an election judge.

26 (c) An election judge shall:

27 (1) Keep the peace; and

28 (2) Order the arrest of any person who:

29 (i) Breaches the peace;

30 (ii) Breaches any provision of this article; or

1 (iii) Interferes with the work of the judges in conducting the election  
2 and carrying out their assigned tasks.

3 (d) (1) An election judge shall protect a challenger or watcher in the exercise  
4 of the rights of a challenger or watcher as provided in § 10-311 of this subtitle.

5 (2) (i) An election judge is not required to admit a challenger or  
6 watcher to a polling place before the polls open if the challenger or watcher was not  
7 present at the polling place at least one-half hour before its opening.

8 (ii) An election judge may require challengers and watchers to  
9 leave a polling place before it opens if a majority of the election judges present agrees  
10 that the presence of the challengers and watchers will prevent the timely opening of  
11 the polling place.

12 (3) An election judge shall designate reasonable times for challengers  
13 and watchers to examine polling lists.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-303.

15 In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "any" election judge  
16 instruction manual is substituted for the former reference to "the" Election  
17 Judge Instruction Manual to eliminate the implication that a manual must  
18 be in existence. *See* § 10-206(b) of this title.

19 The only other changes are in style.

20 Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

21 "Local board" § 1-101

22 "Precinct" § 1-101

23 10-304.

24 (a) (1) A police officer who is on duty at a polling place shall obey the order  
25 of an election judge for that polling place.

26 (2) A police officer making an arrest under an order of an election judge  
27 is fully protected in so doing as if the police officer received a valid warrant to make  
28 the arrest.

29 (b) A police officer who is on duty at a polling place shall protect a challenger  
30 or watcher in the discharge of the duties of the challenger or watcher.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-304.

32 No changes are made.

33 10-305.

34 (a) If there is a vacancy in the polling place staff during voting hours:

1 (1) The local board may fill the vacancy with a substitute election judge  
2 who has been recruited and trained; or

3 (2) An election judge who is present at the polling place may fill the  
4 position of the absent election judge by appointing a person registered with the same  
5 party affiliation as the absent election judge.

6 (b) If a substitute election judge is appointed under subsection (a) of this  
7 section:

8 (1) Either the election director, the election director's designee, or the  
9 election judge making the substitute appointment shall administer the oath required  
10 under § 10-204 of this title; and

11 (2) A chief election judge shall document any change in the polling place  
12 staff in the records of the polling place.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-305.

14 No changes are made.

15 10-306.

16 (a) (1) The State Board, in consultation with the election directors of the  
17 local boards, shall specify and produce informational materials to be posted in each  
18 polling place.

19 (2) A local board may produce other materials appropriate for the polling  
20 places in the county.

21 (b) Before the polls open, the election judges for each precinct shall post in the  
22 voting room:

23 (1) The specimen ballot for the precinct;

24 (2) Instructions relating to the availability of assistance to elderly and  
25 disabled voters; and

26 (3) Any other informational material to assist voters on election day, as  
27 directed by the election director.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-306.

29 No changes are made.

30 10-307.

31 (a) The members of each local board shall be available as needed on an  
32 election day.

1 (b) The local board shall provide the staff of each polling place with the means  
2 to contact and obtain support from the office of the local board on election day.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-307.

4 No changes are made.

5 10-308.

6 An election judge shall allow the following individuals to have access to the  
7 voting room at a polling place:

8 (1) A voter;

9 (2) An individual who accompanies a voter in need of assistance in  
10 accordance with § 10-310(c) of this subtitle;

11 (3) Polling place staff;

12 (4) A member or other representative of the State Board or local board;

13 (5) An accredited watcher or challenger under § 10-311 of this subtitle;

14 (6) A child under the age of 11 who accompanies a voter in accordance  
15 with § 10-310(c) of this subtitle; and

16 (7) Any other individual authorized by the State Board or local board.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-308.

18 No changes are made.

19 10-309.

20 (a) In accordance with instructions provided by the election director, an  
21 election judge shall arrive at the polling place and, under the direction of the chief  
22 judge, set up the polling place to assure that the polls will be open and operational at  
23 7 a.m.

24 (b) Except as provided in § 10-303(d)(2)(ii) of this subtitle, an election judge  
25 shall admit an accredited challenger or watcher one-half hour before the polling place  
26 is open.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-309.

28 No changes are made.

29 10-310.

30 (a) In accordance with instructions provided by the local board, an election  
31 judge shall qualify a voter by:

1 (1) Locating the voter's name in the precinct register and locating the  
2 preprinted voting authority card;

3 (2) (i) If the voter's name is not found on the precinct register,  
4 searching the inactive list and if the name is found, qualifying the voter for voting as  
5 instructed; or

6 (ii) If the voter's name is not on the inactive list, contacting the  
7 local board office and, if authorized, issuing a temporary certificate of registration, as  
8 provided in § 3-601 of this article;

9 (3) Establishing the identity of the voter by requesting the voter to state  
10 the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response to the information  
11 listed in the precinct register;

12 (4) Verifying the address of the voter's residence;

13 (5) If any changes to the voting authority card are indicated by a voter,  
14 making the appropriate changes in information on the card or other appropriate form;  
15 and

16 (6) Having the voter sign the voting authority card and either issuing the  
17 voter a ballot or sending the voter to a machine to vote.

18 (b) On the completion of the procedures set forth in subsection (a) of this  
19 section, a voter may vote in accordance with the procedures appropriate to the voting  
20 system used in the polling place.

21 (c) (1) Before a voter enters a voting booth, at the request of the voter, an  
22 election judge shall:

23 (i) Instruct the voter about the operation of the voting system; and

24 (ii) Allow the voter an opportunity to operate a model voting device,  
25 if appropriate to the voting system in use.

26 (2) (i) 1. After a voter enters the voting booth, at the request of the  
27 voter, two election judges representing different political parties shall instruct the  
28 voter on the operation of the voting device.

29 2. An election judge may not suggest in any way how the  
30 voter should vote for a particular ticket, candidate, or position on a question.

31 3. After instructing the voter, the election judges shall exit  
32 the voting booth and allow the voter to vote privately.

33 (ii) A voter may take into the polling place any written or printed  
34 material to assist the voter in marking or preparing the ballot.

35 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a  
36 voter who requires assistance in marking or preparing the ballot because of a physical

1 disability or an inability to read the English language may choose any individual to  
2 assist the voter.

3 (ii) A voter may not choose the voter's employer or agent of that  
4 employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union to assist the voter in marking the  
5 ballot.

6 (4) If the voter requires the assistance of another in voting, but declines  
7 to select an individual to assist, an election judge, in the presence of another election  
8 judge that represents another political party, shall assist the voter in the manner  
9 prescribed by the voter.

10 (5) An individual assisting a voter may not suggest in any way how the  
11 voter should vote for a particular ticket, candidate, or position on a question.

12 (6) If a voter requires assistance under paragraphs (4) or (5) of this  
13 subsection, the election judge shall record, on a form prescribed by the State Board,  
14 the name of the voter who required assistance and the name of the individual  
15 providing assistance to the voter.

16 (7) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) or (4) of this subsection, a  
17 person over the age of 10 years may not accompany a voter into a voting booth.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-310.

19 No changes are made.

20 10-311.

21 (a) (1) The following persons or entities have the right to designate a  
22 registered voter as a challenger or a watcher at each place of registration and election:

23 (i) The State Board for any polling place in the State;

24 (ii) A local board for any polling place located in the county of the  
25 local board;

26 (iii) A candidate;

27 (iv) A political party; and

28 (v) Any other group of voters supporting or opposing a candidate,  
29 principle, or proposition on the ballot.

30 (2) A person who appoints a challenger or watcher may remove the  
31 challenger or watcher at any time.

32 (b) Except as provided in § 10-303(d)(2) of this subtitle and subsection (d) of  
33 this section, a challenger or watcher has the right to:

34 (1) Enter the polling place one-half hour before the polls open;



1 (2) Enter or be present at the polling place at any time when the polls  
2 are open;

3 (3) Remain in the polling place until the completion of all tasks  
4 associated with the close of the polls under § 10-314 of this subtitle and the election  
5 judges leave the polling place;

6 (4) Maintain a list of registered voters who have voted and take the list  
7 outside of the polling place; and

8 (5) Enter and leave a polling place for the purpose of taking outside of  
9 the polling place information that identifies registered voters who have cast ballots.

10 (c) (1) (i) A certificate signed by any party or candidate shall be sufficient  
11 evidence of the right of a challenger or watcher to be present in the voting room.

12 (ii) The State Board shall prescribe a form that shall be supplied to  
13 the challenger or watcher by the person or entity designating the challenger or  
14 watcher.

15 (2) A challenger or watcher shall be positioned near the election judges  
16 and inside the voting room so that the challenger or watcher may see and hear each  
17 person as the person offers to vote.

18 (d) (1) A challenger or watcher may not attempt to:

19 (i) Ascertain how a voter voted or intends to vote;

20 (ii) Converse in the polling place with any voter;

21 (iii) Assist any voter in voting; or

22 (iv) Physically handle an original election document.

23 (2) An election judge may eject a challenger or watcher who violates the  
24 prohibitions under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

25 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, an  
26 election judge shall permit an individual other than an accredited challenger or  
27 watcher who desires to challenge the right to vote of any other individual to enter the  
28 polling place for that purpose.

29 (2) A majority of the election judges may limit the number of  
30 nonaccredited challengers and watchers allowed in the polling place at any one time  
31 for the purpose of challenging the right of an individual to vote.

32 (3) A nonaccredited challenger or watcher shall leave the polling place as  
33 soon as a majority of the election judges decides the right to vote of the individual  
34 challenged by the challenger or watcher.

1 (4) In addition to restrictions provided under this subsection, all  
2 restrictions on the actions of an accredited challenger or watcher provided under this  
3 subtitle apply to a nonaccredited challenger or watcher.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-311.

5 No changes are made.

6 10-312.

7 (a) The right of an individual to vote may be challenged at the polls only on  
8 the grounds of identity.

9 (b) (1) A challenge to an applicant's right to vote shall be:

10 (i) Made before a voter is issued a ballot or a voting authority card;  
11 and

12 (ii) Decided before the applicant enters the voting booth.

13 (2) (i) An individual who challenges an applicant's right to vote shall  
14 provide the reason for the challenge under an oath administered by an election judge.

15 (ii) An election judge shall question the challenged voter under  
16 oath about the reason for the challenge.

17 (3) (i) If a majority of the election judges believes the applicant to be  
18 the individual registered, the applicant shall be permitted to vote.

19 (ii) If a majority of the election judges believes the applicant to be a  
20 person other than the individual registered, the applicant may not vote and the word  
21 "rejected" shall be written on the applicant's voting authority card.

22 (4) If an applicant is denied the right to vote under paragraph (3)(ii) of  
23 this subsection, the applicant has the right to appeal the decision to the local board.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-312.

25 No changes are made.

26 10-313.

27 (a) In any general election or special general election, a voter may write in a  
28 name for any office.

29 (b) (1) When requested by a voter, an election judge shall provide  
30 information on write-in voting.

31 (2) (i) If a voter requests information on write-in voting, an election  
32 judge shall assure that the voter is fully informed of the procedure before voting.

1 (ii) If a voter is unable to write, the voter may have assistance as  
2 provided in § 10-310(c) of this subtitle.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-313.

4 No changes are made.

5 10-314.

6 (a) (1) The local board shall provide election judges with detailed procedures  
7 for the closing of the polls, specific to the voting system used.

8 (2) The procedures shall include directions on:

9 (i) The tabulation, recording, and reporting of votes if these  
10 activities are undertaken in the polling place;

11 (ii) The preparation, signing, and sealing of documents and other  
12 election materials;

13 (iii) The security of all equipment and materials in the polling place;  
14 and

15 (iv) The return of equipment and materials to the local board.

16 (b) If election results are produced in the polling place, the election judge shall  
17 admit watchers to hear the announced results.

18 (c) A chief judge shall release an election judge from duty after the completion  
19 of the election judge's assigned tasks.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-314.

21 No changes are made.

22 10-315.

23 (a) Every employer in the State shall permit any employee who is a registered  
24 voter in the State a period not to exceed 2 hours absence from work on election day in  
25 order to vote if the employee does not have 2 hours of continuous off-duty during the  
26 time that the polls are open.

27 (b) The employer shall pay the employee for the 2 hours absence from work.

28 (c) (1) Each employee shall furnish to the employer proof that the employee  
29 has voted.

30 (2) The proof that an employee has voted shall be on a form prescribed by  
31 the State Board.

32 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-315.

1 No changes are made.

2 Title 11. Canvassing.

3 Subtitle 1. Definitions.

4 11-101.

5 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (b) "Board of canvassers" means the local board of elections in a county after  
7 the local board organizes itself for the purpose of canvassing the vote after an election  
8 in that county.

9 (c) (1) "Canvass" means the entire process of vote tallying, vote tabulation,  
10 and vote verification or audit, culminating in the production and certification of the  
11 official election results.

12 (2) For absentee ballots, the "canvass" includes the opening of any  
13 envelope accompanying an absentee ballot and the assembly and review of absentee  
14 ballots in preparation for vote tallying.

15 (d) "Counting center" means one or more central locations designated by a  
16 local board to conduct the canvass.

17 (e) "Removable data storage device" means a read-only memory device that is  
18 programmed to record votes as they are cast on an electronic voting system.

19 (f) (1) "Unofficial returns" means a vote tabulation reported on election  
20 night after the polls close.

21 (2) "Unofficial returns" does not include the absentee ballot count.

22 (g) "Vote tabulation" or "vote counting" means the aggregation of the votes  
23 cast by individual voters to produce vote totals at any level.

24 (h) "Vote tallying" means the recording of votes cast by individual voters on a  
25 certified voting system whether done by:

26 (1) A mechanical lever voting machine;

27 (2) An electronic voting device; or

28 (3) Making marks manually on a tally sheet.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-101.

30 No changes are made.

## Subtitle 2. Closing the Polls.

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2 11-201.

3 The State Board shall adopt regulations consistent with the provisions of this  
4 title governing the canvass.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-201.

6 No changes are made.

7 11-202.

8 (a) (1) Each qualified voter present at the polls at 8 p.m. on election day  
9 shall be allowed to vote before the election judges commence their duties under this  
10 section.

11 (2) In accordance with the provisions of this article and regulations  
12 adopted by the State Board, after the last voter has voted in an election, the election  
13 judges shall follow the instructions issued by the election director for closing the polls  
14 and for performing the tasks required in the postclosing period.

15 (b) In accordance with this section, the election judges shall:

16 (1) Secure the voting system to prevent further voting;

17 (2) If appropriate to the voting system, record the vote, produce vote  
18 totals for the polling place, and announce results to those present;

19 (3) Complete all documents, records, and reports required by law or  
20 regulation after the closing of the polls;

21 (4) Perform any other tasks assigned by the election director;

22 (5) Assemble and account for materials to be returned to the local board,  
23 including, if applicable for the voting system used in that election:

24 (i) Removable data storage devices from voting equipment;

25 (ii) Voted ballots;

26 (iii) Precinct registers;

27 (iv) Voting authority cards;

28 (v) Signs and posters;

29 (vi) Records, reports, logs, affidavits, certificates, and other  
30 documents;

31 (vii) Keys to voting devices;

- 1 (viii) Poll books; and  
2 (ix) Any other materials specified by the election director;  
3 (6) Assure that equipment and materials left in the polling place for  
4 retrieval at a later time are stored in a secure manner; and

5 (7) Deliver materials and equipment to the local board and obtain  
6 receipts from the board certifying the delivery of the items.

7 (c) Judges may be observed, while performing their duties under this section,  
8 until they have finished their work and leave the premises by:

9 (1) Authorized challengers, watchers, and observers in accordance with §  
10 10-311 of this article;

11 (2) Any candidate; and

12 (3) Any other person lawfully present.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-202.

14 No changes are made.

15 Subtitle 3. Vote Canvassing by Local Board.

16 11-301.

17 (a) A board of canvassers shall:

18 (1) Convene [and be sworn in on or before 5 p.m. on the day of each  
19 election] at the designated counting center for that county ON OR BEFORE THE DAY  
20 OF THE ELECTION, BUT NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THAT DAY, AND BE SWORN IN;

21 (2) Meet only in public session; and

22 (3) Subject to regulations adopted by the State Board to ensure the  
23 integrity of the electoral process and that the accuracy of the vote tabulation is not  
24 impeded or compromised, provide for observation and understanding of the canvass  
25 by those individuals in attendance.

26 (b) Each board of canvassers shall elect by majority vote a chairman and  
27 secretary from among its members.

28 (c) Each member of the board of canvassers shall take an oath, administered  
29 and recorded by the clerk of the circuit court, to canvass and declare the votes cast  
30 truthfully and to perform other duties required by law.

31 (d) (1) At the first meeting of the board of canvassers for the purpose of  
32 canvassing, a majority of the whole board of canvassers shall be a quorum.

1 (2) If a quorum is not present, the members present shall adjourn until  
2 the next day.

3 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this article, all decisions shall be reached  
4 by a majority vote of the members present.

5 (f) If a member is not present at the scheduled time for vote canvassing, a  
6 substitute member of the board of canvassers may be sworn in.

7 (g) At least one member of the board of canvassers present shall be a  
8 registered voter of the principal minority party.

9 (h) Once the board has satisfied the requirements of subsections (a) through  
10 (g) of this section, it may proceed with the canvass in accordance with the regulations  
11 of the State Board.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-301.

13 Subsection (a)(1) of this section is revised to clarify that the oath of office  
14 may be administered before the day of the election.

15 The only other changes are in style.

16 Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

17 "Principal minority party" § 1-101

18 "State Board" § 1-101

19 11-302.

20 (a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated  
21 counting center to canvass the absentee ballots cast in that election in accordance  
22 with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

23 (b) (1) A local board may not open any envelope of an absentee ballot prior to  
24 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.

25 (2) A local board may not delay the commencement of the canvass to  
26 await the receipt of late-arriving, timely absentee ballots.

27 (c) (1) An absentee ballot shall be deemed timely received if it is received in  
28 accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

29 (2) An absentee ballot that is received after the deadline specified by the  
30 regulations and guidelines may not be counted.

31 (d) (1) The State Board shall adopt regulations that reflect the policy that  
32 the clarity of the intent of the voter is the overriding consideration in determining the  
33 validity of an absentee ballot or the vote cast in a particular contest.

34 (2) A local board may not reject an absentee ballot except by unanimous  
35 vote and in accordance with regulations of the State Board.

1 (3) The local board shall reject an absentee ballot if:

2 (i) Before the ballot is canvassed, the local board determines that  
3 the voter died before election day;

4 (ii) The voter failed to sign the oath on the ballot envelope;

5 (iii) The local board received more than one ballot from the same  
6 individual for the same election in the same ballot envelope; or

7 (iv) The local board determines that an absentee ballot is  
8 intentionally marked with an identifying mark that is clearly evident and placed on  
9 the ballot for the purpose of identifying the ballot.

10 (4) IF THE LOCAL BOARD RECEIVES MORE THAN ONE LEGALLY  
11 SUFFICIENT BALLOT, IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES, FROM THE SAME INDIVIDUAL, THE  
12 LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

13 (I) COUNT ONLY THE BALLOT WITH THE LATEST PROPERLY  
14 SIGNED OATH; AND

15 (II) REJECT ANY OTHER BALLOT.

16 (5) IF THE INTENT OF THE VOTER IS NOT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED,  
17 THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL REJECT ONLY THE VOTE FOR THAT OFFICE OR QUESTION.

18 (6) IF AN ABSENTEE VOTER CASTS A VOTE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
19 HAS CEASED TO BE A CANDIDATE, THE VOTE FOR THAT CANDIDATE MAY NOT BE  
20 COUNTED, BUT THAT VOTE DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE REMAINDER OF THE BALLOT.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, §§ 11-302 and  
22 11-303(d)(4), (5), and (6).

23 The only other changes are in style.

24 Defined terms: "Absentee ballot" § 1-101

25 "Election" § 1-101

26 "Local board" § 1-101

27 "State Board" § 1-101

28 [11-302.1.] 11-303.

29 (a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated  
30 counting center to canvass the provisional ballots cast in that election in accordance  
31 with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

32 (b) A local board may not open any envelope of a provisional ballot prior to 8  
33 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.



1 (c) (1) The State Board shall adopt regulations that reflect the policy that  
2 the clarity of the intent of the voter is the overriding consideration in determining the  
3 validity of a provisional ballot or the vote cast in a particular contest.

4 (2) A local board may not reject a provisional ballot except by unanimous  
5 vote and in accordance with regulations of the State Board.

6 (3) The local board shall reject a provisional ballot if:

7 (i) The local board determines that the temporary certificate of  
8 registration that corresponds to the provisional ballot is not valid;

9 (ii) The local [election] board determines that the individual is not  
10 a registered voter;

11 (iii) The individual failed to sign the oath on the temporary  
12 certificate of registration;

13 (iv) The individual failed to sign the oath on the provisional ballot  
14 envelope;

15 (v) The individual received more than one ballot for the same  
16 election; or

17 (vi) The local board determines that a provisional ballot is  
18 intentionally marked with an identifying mark that is clearly evident and placed on  
19 the ballot for the purpose of identifying the ballot.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-302.1 and is  
21 renumbered.

22 The only changes are in style.

23 Defined terms: "Local board" § 1-101

24 "Election" § 1-101

25 "Provisional ballot" § 1-101

26 "State Board" § 1-101

27 [11-303.] 11-304.

28 (a) A candidate or absentee voter aggrieved by the decision of a local board to  
29 reject, or not to reject, an absentee ballot shall have the right of appeal to the circuit  
30 court for the county.

31 (b) The appeal must be filed within 5 days from the date of the completion of  
32 the official canvass by the board of all the votes cast at the election.

33 (c) The appeal shall be heard de novo, without a jury, as soon as possible.

1 (d) (1) The decision of the circuit court may be appealed to the Court of  
2 Special Appeals, provided the appeal is taken within 48 hours from the entry of the  
3 decision of the circuit court.

4 (2) The appeal shall be heard and decided on the original papers,  
5 including a written transcript of the testimony taken in the case.

6 (3) The original papers and the transcript shall be transmitted to the  
7 Court of Special Appeals within 5 days from the taking of the appeal, and the appeal  
8 shall be heard as soon as possible.

9 [(4) If the local board receives more than one legally sufficient ballot, in  
10 separate envelopes, from the same individual, the local board shall:

11 (i) Count only the ballot with the latest properly signed oath; and

12 (ii) Reject any other ballot.

13 (5) If the intent of the voter is not clearly demonstrated, the local board  
14 shall reject only the vote for that office or question.

15 (6) If an absentee voter casts a vote for an individual who has ceased to  
16 be a candidate, the vote for that candidate may not be counted, but that vote does not  
17 invalidate the remainder of the ballot.]

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-303(a) through  
19 (d)(3).

20 Former subsection (d)(4), (5), and (6) of this section is in § 11-302(d) of this  
21 subtitle.

22 No changes are made.

23 Defined terms: "Absentee ballot" § 1-101

24 "Candidate" § 1-101

25 "Election" § 1-101

26 "Local board" § 1-101

27 [11-303.1.] 11-305.

28 (a) A candidate or individual who voted using a provisional ballot aggrieved by  
29 the decision of a local board to reject, or not to reject, a provisional ballot shall have  
30 the right of appeal to the circuit court for the county.

31 (b) The appeal must be filed within 5 days from the date of the completion of  
32 the official canvass by the board of all the votes cast at the election.

33 (c) The appeal shall be heard de novo, without a jury, as soon as possible.

1 (d) (1) The decision of the circuit court may be appealed to the Court of  
2 Special Appeals, provided the appeal is taken within 48 hours from the entry of the  
3 decision of the circuit court.

4 (2) The appeal shall be heard and decided on the original papers,  
5 including a written transcript of the testimony taken in the case.

6 (3) The original papers and the transcript shall be transmitted to the  
7 Court of Special Appeals within 5 days from the taking of the appeal, and the appeal  
8 shall be heard as soon as possible.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section, formerly Art. 33, § 11-303.1, is renumbered.

10 No changes are made.

11 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

12 "Election" § 1-101

13 "Local board" § 1-101

14 "Provisional ballot" § 1-101

15 [11-304.] 11-306.

16 The person designated to maintain custody of the documents and records  
17 required under this title shall maintain and secure those items in accordance with the  
18 regulations adopted by the State Board.

19 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section, formerly Art. 33, § 11-304, is renumbered.

20 No changes are made.

21 [11-305.] 11-307.

22 (a) If a board of canvassers determines that there appears to be an error in the  
23 documents or records produced at the polling place following an election, then it  
24 immediately shall investigate the matter to ascertain whether the records or  
25 documents are correct.

26 (b) The board of canvassers may correct a document or record only in  
27 accordance with the regulations of the State Board.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section, formerly Art. 33, § 11-305, is renumbered.

29 No changes are made.

30 [11-306.] 11-308.

31 (a) Within 10 days after any election, and before certifying the results of the  
32 election, each board of canvassers shall verify the vote count in accordance with the  
33 regulations prescribed by the State Board for the voting system used in that election.

1 (b) Upon completion of the verification process, the members of the board of  
2 canvassers shall:

3 (1) Certify in writing that the election results are accurate and that the  
4 vote has been verified; and

5 (2) Provide copies of the election results to the persons specified under §  
6 11-401 of this title.

7 (c) (1) If a member of a local board of canvassers dissents from a  
8 determination of an election result or reasonably believes that the conduct of a local  
9 board member or local board proceeding was not in compliance with applicable law or  
10 regulation or was otherwise illegal or irregular, the member shall prepare and file  
11 with the local board a distinct written statement of the reasons for the dissent or  
12 concern.

13 (2) The State Board shall maintain a file of the written statements  
14 submitted under this subsection by members of the local boards.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section, formerly Art. 33, § 11-306, is renumbered.

16 No changes are made.

17 Subtitle 4. Certification of Election Results by Local Board.

18 11-401.

19 (a) (1) After each election, each board of canvassers shall transmit one  
20 certified copy of the election results in its county, attested by the signatures of the  
21 chairperson and secretary of the board of canvassers, to:

22 (i) The Governor;

23 (ii) The State Board of Elections; and

24 (iii) The clerk of the circuit court for the appropriate county.

25 (2) The statement may be mailed or delivered in person.

26 (b) After each general election in which votes have been cast for a write-in  
27 candidate, each board of canvassers shall transmit a statement of returns of the votes  
28 cast for write-in candidates who have filed a certificate of candidacy.

29 (c) (1) The transmittal shall be made on the second Friday after a primary  
30 or general election or, if the canvass is completed after that date, within 48 hours  
31 after the completion of the canvass.

32 (2) After a special primary or special election, the transmittal shall be  
33 made as soon as possible, but no later than the second Thursday after the election.

1 (d) The clerk of the circuit court shall [enter of] record the election results  
2 filed with the court under this section.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-401.

4 The only change is in style.

5 11-402.

6 (a) Unless otherwise provided by the Maryland Constitution, and except as  
7 provided in subsection (b) of this section, each board of canvassers shall prepare a  
8 statement of election results by precinct for each candidate or question voted on at the  
9 election and declare:

10 (1) Who is elected or nominated for office:

11 (i) In county government; or

12 (ii) For any other office voted for only within that county, if the  
13 certificate of candidacy for that office was issued by the local board; and

14 (2) Whether or not a question is adopted or approved.

15 (b) The statement prepared by the board of canvassers under subsection (a) of  
16 this section may not report the absentee vote separately by precinct.

17 (c) Each local board shall publish a sufficient number of copies of the complete  
18 election results, tabulated by precinct, and shall make the copies available to the  
19 public at cost.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-402.

21 No changes are made.

22 11-403.

23 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, and in accordance  
24 with regulations adopted by the State Board, the equipment and documentation of a  
25 voting system, including all paper and electronic documentation, shall remain  
26 secured following the verification required by § 11-306 of this title until:

27 (i) The expiration of the period allowed for initiating a recount;

28 (ii) In the event of a recount, the recount is completed; and

29 (iii) The resolution of any election contest.

30 (2) After the expiration of the period specified in paragraph (1) of this  
31 subsection, the equipment and documentation of the voting system shall be  
32 maintained in accordance with regulations of the State Board.

1 (b) A voting system may be opened and the documents and equipment  
2 associated with it examined in the presence of the officer having custody of the voting  
3 system upon:

4 (1) The order of any court of competent jurisdiction; or

5 (2) The direction of any legislative committee charged with investigating  
6 a contested election affected by the use of the voting system.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-403.

8 No changes are made.

9 Subtitle 5. Statewide Canvass and Certification.

10 11-501.

11 (a) Following each gubernatorial primary or special primary election in the  
12 State, the State Board shall:

13 (1) Convene within 2 days after the certified official election results are  
14 received from the local boards;

15 (2) If a majority of the members of the State Board is not present,  
16 adjourn for not more than 1 day;

17 (3) Determine which candidates, by the greatest number of votes, have  
18 been nominated to each office and which questions have received a sufficient number  
19 of votes to be adopted or approved; and

20 (4) Prepare and certify statewide election results based on the certified  
21 copies of the statements made by the county boards of canvassers.

22 (b) (1) If a member of the State Board dissents from a determination of an  
23 election result or reasonably believes that the conduct of a Board member or Board  
24 proceeding was not in compliance with applicable law or regulation or was otherwise  
25 illegal or irregular, the member shall prepare and file with the Board a distinct  
26 written statement of the reasons for the dissent or concern.

27 (2) The State Board shall maintain a file of the written statements  
28 submitted under this subsection by members of the Board.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-501.

30 No changes are made.

31 11-502.

32 (a) The Board of State Canvassers consists of the following members:

33 (1) The Secretary of State;

- 1 (2) The Comptroller;
- 2 (3) The State Treasurer;
- 3 (4) The Clerk of the Court of Appeals; and
- 4 (5) The Attorney General.

5 (b) Three members of the Board of State Canvassers constitute a quorum.

6 (c) The State Administrator of the State Board of Elections serves as secretary  
7 to the Board of State Canvassers.

8 (d) The State Treasurer may appoint, as the Treasurer's designee, a deputy  
9 treasurer to serve on the Board of State Canvassers.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-502.

11 No changes are made.

12 11-503.

13 (a) The Board of State Canvassers shall:

14 (1) (i) Convene only after a presidential primary election, a State  
15 general election, or a general or special general election that includes a candidate for  
16 member of the Congress of the United States;

17 (ii) Convene within 35 days of that election; and

18 (iii) If a majority of members of the Board of State Canvassers is not  
19 present, adjourn for not more than 1 day;

20 (2) Determine which candidates, by the greatest number of votes, have  
21 been elected to each office and which questions have received a sufficient number of  
22 votes to be adopted or approved;

23 (3) Prepare statewide election results for each candidate and question,  
24 based on the certified copies of the statements made by the county boards of  
25 canvassers; and

26 (4) Prepare and transmit a certified statement of the election results to  
27 the State Board of Elections.

28 (b) (1) If a member of the Board of State Canvassers dissents from a  
29 determination of an election result or reasonably believes that the conduct of a Board  
30 member or Board proceeding was not in compliance with applicable law or regulation  
31 or was otherwise illegal or irregular, the member shall prepare and transmit a  
32 distinct written statement of the reasons for the dissent or concern to the State Board  
33 of Elections.





1 Also in the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the  
2 phrase "in accordance with this subtitle" is added for clarity and  
3 completeness.

4 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the requirement that the Governor  
5 "cause the proclamation to be published" is substituted for the former  
6 requirement that the proclamation be "inserted" in newspapers by the  
7 Governor for clarity.

8 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

9 "Election" § 1-101

10 11-602. SAME -- COMMISSIONS OF ELECTION.

11 The Governor shall issue a commission to an individual elected to or continued  
12 in office only if the individual's election is certified by the State Board.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-602.

14 No changes are made.

15 [11-601.] 11-603. STATE BOARD -- CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS.

16 (a) (1) The State Board shall certify election results in accordance with the  
17 provisions of this article and regulations adopted by the State Board.

18 (2) The certification by the State Board shall include a determination  
19 that reports or statements of contributions and expenditures required to be filed  
20 under § 13-401 of this article have been filed.

21 (b) The State Board shall:

22 (1) Promptly deliver under its seal a certified statement notifying:

23 (i) Each individual who is declared elected;

24 (ii) Each individual who is continued in office;

25 (iii) The Secretary and presiding officer of the United States Senate,  
26 in the case of the election of a United States Senator to represent the State; and

27 (iv) The Clerk and presiding officer of the United States House of  
28 Representatives, in the case of the election of a member of the House of  
29 Representatives to represent the State; and

30 (2) Publish a sufficient number of copies of the certified statements of  
31 the votes cast throughout the State that are delivered to it by the Board of State  
32 Canvassers and make the copies available to the public at cost.

33 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-601.

1 No changes are made.

2 [11-603.] 11-604. MEMBER OF CONGRESS -- EFFECT OF CERTIFICATION.

3 A certificate issued by the State Board of Elections to the Secretary and  
4 presiding officer of the United States Senate or to the Clerk and presiding officer  
5 of the House of Representatives of the United States under [§ 11-601]  
6 § 11- 603(b)(1)(iii) and (iv) of this subtitle constitutes prima facie evidence of the right  
7 of the individual certified to be seated for office in the United States Congress.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-603.

9 The only changes are in style.

10 [11-604.] 11-605. MUNICIPAL REFERENDA -- REPORTING OF RESULTS.

11 (a) In a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision in which a  
12 referendum vote is held on a law, ordinance, or resolution, the executive head of the  
13 county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision promptly shall report the  
14 results of the referendum to the clerk of the court for the county.

15 (b) As promptly as possible thereafter, the clerk of the court shall certify the  
16 results of the referendum to the State Board.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-604.

18 No changes are made.

19 Title 12. Contested Elections.

20 Subtitle 1. Recounts.

21 12-101.

22 (a) A candidate for public or party office who has been defeated based on the  
23 certified results of any election conducted under this article may petition for a recount  
24 of the votes cast for the office sought.

25 (b) The petition shall specify that the recount be conducted:

26 (1) In all of the precincts in which the office was on the ballot; or

27 (2) Only in the precincts designated in the petition.

28 (c) The petition shall be filed with the [same election authority] BOARD with  
29 which the candidate's certificate of candidacy was filed.

30 (d) The petition must be filed within 3 days after the results of the election  
31 have been certified.

1 (e) (1) The State Board shall promptly notify each appropriate local board of  
2 a petition that is filed with the State Board.

3 (2) A local board shall promptly notify the State Board of a petition that  
4 is filed with the local board.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-101.

6 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to "board" is substituted for  
7 the former reference to "election authority" for clarity.

8 No other changes are made.

9 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

10 "Election" § 1-101

11 "Local board" § 1-101

12 "Precinct" § 1-101

13 "State Board" § 1-101

14 12-102.

15 (a) An opposing candidate of the petitioner under § 12-101 of this subtitle may  
16 file a counterpetition if:

17 (1) The petition filed under § 12-101 of this subtitle did not specify all of  
18 the precincts in which the office was on the ballot; and

19 (2) On completion of the recount, the winner of the election is changed.

20 (b) A counterpetition shall be a request for a recount of the votes for the office  
21 in the precincts not specified by the petitioner under § 12-101 of this subtitle.

22 (c) The opposing candidate shall file the counterpetition with the [same  
23 election authority] BOARD with which the candidate's certificate of candidacy was  
24 filed.

25 (d) The petition must be filed within 2 days of the determination under  
26 subsection (a)(2) of this section.

27 (e) (1) The State Board shall promptly notify each appropriate local board of  
28 a counterpetition that is filed with the State Board.

29 (2) A local board shall promptly notify the State Board of a  
30 counterpetition that is filed with the local board.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-102.

32 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to "board" is substituted for  
33 the former reference to "election authority" for clarity.

34 No other changes are made.

1 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

2 "Election" § 1-101

3 "Local board" § 1-101

4 "Precinct" § 1-101

5 "State Board" § 1-101

6 12-103.

7 (a) A petition for a recount based on the certified results of a question on the  
8 ballot in an election conducted under this article may be filed by a registered voter  
9 eligible to vote for that question.

10 (b) The petition shall specify that the recount be conducted:

11 (1) In all of the precincts in which the office was on the ballot; or

12 (2) Only in precincts designated in the petition.

13 (c) (1) If the question was on the ballot in one county, the petition shall be  
14 filed in that county.

15 (2) If the question was on the ballot in more than one county, the petition  
16 shall be filed with the State Board.

17 (d) The petition must be filed within 2 days after the results of the election are  
18 certified.

19 (e) (1) The State Board shall promptly notify each appropriate local board of  
20 a petition that is filed with the State Board.

21 (2) A local board shall promptly notify the State Board of a petition that  
22 is filed with the local board.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-103.

24 No changes are made.

25 12-104.

26 (a) A counterpetition to a question filed under § 12-103 of this subtitle may be  
27 filed by a voter eligible to vote for that question, if:

28 (1) The petition filed under § 12-103 of this subtitle did not specify all of  
29 the precincts in which the question was on the ballot; and

30 (2) On completion of the recount, the outcome of the election is changed.

31 (b) A counterpetition shall be a request for a recount of the votes for the  
32 question in the precincts not specified by the petitioner under § 12-103 of this  
33 subtitle.

1 (c) (1) If the question was on the ballot in one county, the counterpetition  
2 shall be filed in that county.

3 (2) If the question was on the ballot in more than one county, the  
4 counterpetition shall be filed with the State Board.

5 (d) The petition shall be filed within 2 days of the determination under  
6 subsection (a)(2) of this section.

7 (e) (1) The State Board shall promptly notify each appropriate local board of  
8 a counterpetition that is filed with the State Board.

9 (2) A local board shall promptly notify the State Board of a  
10 counterpetition that is filed with the local board.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-104.

12 No changes are made.

13 12-105.

14 (a) A petition or counterpetition filed under this subtitle shall be filed with a  
15 bond as provided under subsection (b) of this section.

16 (b) (1) If a recount is being conducted in only one county, a judge of the  
17 circuit court of the county shall determine and set the bond to be filed by the  
18 petitioner or counterpetitioner sufficient to pay the reasonable costs of the recount.

19 (2) If the recount is being conducted in more than one county, a judge of  
20 the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall determine and set the bond.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-105.

22 No changes are made.

23 12-106.

24 (a) In accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board, the local board  
25 shall:

26 (1) Conduct the recount and certify the official result of the election or  
27 question which is the subject of the recount; and

28 (2) Ensure the public's ability to be present while the recount is  
29 conducted.

30 (b) The State Board shall monitor and support the work of any local board  
31 conducting a recount to ensure compliance with this subtitle.

32 (c) The State Board shall establish a procedure that will allow petitioners and  
33 counterpetitioners to request that a recount be terminated prior to its completion.

1 (d) When a recount is completed, the local board, and when appropriate the  
2 State Board, shall correct the primary, general, or special election returns and  
3 certificates that were made by a canvassing board.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-106.

5 No changes are made.

6 12-107.

7 (a) In this section, "petitioner" includes a counterpetitioner.

8 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each  
9 petitioner shall pay the cost of a recount requested under this subtitle and the  
10 petitioner's bond is liable for the cost.

11 (2) The petitioner is not liable for the costs of the recount if:

12 (i) The outcome of the election is changed;

13 (ii) The petitioner has gained a number of votes, for the petitioner's  
14 candidacy or for or against the question that is the subject of the petition, equal to 2%  
15 or more of the total votes cast for the office or on the question, in all precincts being  
16 recounted; or

17 (iii) 1. The margin of difference in the number of votes received  
18 by an apparent winner and the losing candidate with the highest number of votes for  
19 an office is 0.1% or less of the total votes cast for those candidates; or

20 2. In the case of a question, the margin of difference between  
21 the number of votes cast for and the number cast against the question is 0.1% or less.

22 (c) If the petitioner is not liable for the costs of the recount as provided in  
23 subsection (b) of this section, a county shall pay the costs of the recount in that county.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-107.

25 No changes are made.

26 Subtitle 2. Judicial Review of Elections.

27 12-201.

28 This subtitle applies to an issue arising in an election conducted under this  
29 article.

30 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-201.

31 No changes are made.

1 12-202.

2 (a) If no other timely and adequate remedy is provided by this article, a  
3 registered voter may seek judicial relief from any act or omission relating to an  
4 election, whether or not the election has been held, on the grounds that the act or  
5 omission:

6 (1) Is inconsistent with this article or other law applicable to the  
7 elections process; and

8 (2) May change or has changed the outcome of the election.

9 (b) A registered voter may seek judicial relief under this section in the  
10 appropriate circuit court within the earlier of:

11 (1) 10 days after the act or omission or the date the act or omission  
12 became known to the petitioner; or

13 (2) 7 days after the election results are certified, unless the election was  
14 a gubernatorial primary or special primary election, in which case 3 days after the  
15 election results are certified.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-202.

17 No changes are made.

18 12-203.

19 (a) A proceeding under this subtitle shall be conducted in accordance with the  
20 Maryland Rules, except that:

21 (1) The proceeding shall be heard and decided without a jury and as  
22 expeditiously as the circumstances require;

23 (2) On the request of a party or sua sponte, the chief administrative  
24 judge of the circuit court may assign the case to a three-judge panel of circuit court  
25 judges; and

26 (3) An appeal shall be taken directly to the Court of Appeals within 5  
27 days of the date of the decision of the circuit court.

28 (b) The Court of Appeals shall give priority to hear and decide an appeal  
29 brought under subsection (a)(3) of this section as expeditiously as the circumstances  
30 require.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-203.

32 No changes are made.

1 12-204.

2 (a) The court may provide a remedy as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this  
3 section if the court determines that the alleged act or omission materially affected the  
4 rights of interested parties or the purity of the elections process and:

5 (1) May have changed the outcome of an election already held; or

6 (2) May change the outcome of a pending election.

7 (b) If the court makes an affirmative determination that an act or omission  
8 was committed that changed the outcome of an election already held, the court shall:

9 (1) Declare void the election for the office or question involved and order  
10 that the election be held again at a date set by the court; or

11 (2) Order any other relief that will provide an adequate remedy.

12 (c) If the court makes an affirmative determination that an act or omission  
13 has been committed that may change the outcome of a pending election, the court  
14 may:

15 (1) Order any relief it considers appropriate under the circumstances;  
16 and

17 (2) If the court determines that it is the only relief that will provide a  
18 remedy, direct that the election for the office or question involved be postponed and  
19 rescheduled on a date set by the court.

20 (d) A determination of the court under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
21 based on clear and convincing evidence.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 12-204.

23 No changes are made.

24 TITLE 13. CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

25 SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

26 13-101. SCOPE OF TITLE.

27 (A) IN GENERAL.

28 THIS TITLE APPLIES TO EACH ELECTION CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
29 THIS ARTICLE.

30 (B) EXCEPTION FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY GOVERNED BY FEDERAL  
31 LAW.



1 THIS TITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY REQUIRED TO  
2 BE GOVERNED SOLELY BY FEDERAL LAW.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
4 change from former Art. 33, §§ 13-101, 13-401(k), and 13-402(b).

5 Subsection (b) of this section is revised to acknowledge the primacy of  
6 federal law with regard to the regulation of campaign finances for federal  
7 candidates and to conform the law to the practice of the State Board in  
8 relying on federal law to guide its campaign finance reporting procedures  
9 for federal candidates in Maryland. In that regard, the former requirement  
10 under Art. 33, § 13-402(b) that a candidate for election or elected to a  
11 federal office file a copy of certain campaign statements with the State  
12 Board is deleted to acknowledge the practice instituted by the Federal  
13 Election Commission with the State Board by which electronic copies of the  
14 campaign reports of federal candidates and office holders are made  
15 available to the public by a computer donated by the federal government  
16 which is housed at the offices of the State Board.

17 In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to an election being  
18 "conducted" in accordance with this article is substituted for the former  
19 reference to an election "in which ballots shall be cast" pursuant to this  
20 article for brevity and clarity.

21 Defined term: "Election" § 1-101

22 13-102. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES BY AN INDIVIDUAL.

23 EXCEPT FOR A CANDIDATE, THIS TITLE DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN INDIVIDUAL  
24 WHO ACTS INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY OTHER PERSON FROM:

25 (1) EXPRESSING PERSONAL VIEWS ON ANY SUBJECT; OR

26 (2) MAKING AN EXPENDITURE OF PERSONAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE  
27 CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
29 change from former Art. 33, § 13-504(a).

30 The introductory clause "[e]xcept for a candidate" is added to clarify that  
31 this section applies to an individual acting as an individual, not as a  
32 candidate.

33 The former phrase "[p]rovided that a person complies with the  
34 requirement set forth in subsection (b) of this section [§ 13-504]" is deleted  
35 as unconstitutional if applied to regulate the independent expenditures of  
36 certain individuals in light of *McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Commission*, 514  
37 U.S. 334 (1995). (See, 80 *Opinions of the Attorney General*(1995) [Opinion  
38 95-015 (May 16, 1995)])

1 Former Art. 33, § 13-504(b) is revised in § 13-401 of this title.

2 Defined term: "Candidate" § 1-101

3 13-103. SUMMARY OF ELECTION LAWS; FORMS.

4 (A) IN GENERAL.

5 (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PREPARE A SUMMARY OF THE ELECTION  
6 LAW THAT RELATES TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY AND PROVIDE FOR  
7 DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUMMARY.

8 (2) WHEN A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IS FILED, THE BOARD  
9 RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATE SHALL PROVIDE THE CANDIDATE WITH:

10 (I) A COPY OF THE SUMMARY; AND

11 (II) EACH FORM THE CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO FILE UNDER  
12 THIS TITLE.

13 (B) SAMPLE FORMS FOR LOCAL BOARDS.

14 THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE TO A LOCAL BOARD SAMPLES OF SUCH OF  
15 THE FORMS REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE AS THE LOCAL BOARD MAY REQUEST.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
17 change from former Art. 33, § 13-102.

18 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the defined term "candidate" is  
19 substituted for the former phrase "candidates for nomination for or  
20 election to public or party office" for brevity and clarity.

21 Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to a "board" is added  
22 to state explicitly that which formerly was implied in the requirement that  
23 certain documents be distributed to a candidate at the time the candidate  
24 files for office and to recognize that such a filing might occur at either the  
25 State Board or a local board.

26 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

27 "Local board" § 1-101

28 "State Board" § 1-101

1 SUBTITLE 2. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITY.

2 PART I. IN GENERAL.

3 13-201. SCOPE.

4 UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ALL  
5 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTION UNDER THIS  
6 ARTICLE.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added for clarity.

8 Defined term: "Election" § 1-101

9 13-202. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY REQUIRED.

10 (A) PREREQUISITE -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY.

11 UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW, ALL CAMPAIGN  
12 FINANCE ACTIVITY FOR AN ELECTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONDUCTED  
13 THROUGH A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

14 (B) SAME -- CANDIDACY.

15 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL  
16 MAY NOT FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHES,  
17 OR CAUSES TO BE ESTABLISHED, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

18 (2) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
19 THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE EITHER:

20 (I) A PERSONAL TREASURER; OR

21 (II) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT IS AN AUTHORIZED CANDIDATE  
22 CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for  
24 clarity and states a proposition that the Election Law Article Review  
25 Committee believes is implicit in the totality of former Art. 33, Title 13.  
26 The Election Law Article Review Committee calls this addition to the  
27 attention of the General Assembly.

28 Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive  
29 change from former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(1)(ii) and, as it related to the  
30 formation of a campaign finance entity, § 13-201(a)(1)(i).

31 In subsection (b) of this section, the former requirement that "[t]he board  
32 or the State Board ..." is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 5-301(b)(2) of  
33 this article.

34 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the defined term

1 "campaign finance entity" is added. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title  
2 and § 1-101 of this article.

3 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the phrase "may not file a certificate of  
4 candidacy" is substituted for the former reference to "a condition precedent  
5 to qualifying as candidate" for clarity and consistency with this article. *See*,  
6 *e.g.*, the definition of "candidate" in § 1-101 of this article.

7 Defined terms: "Authorized candidate campaign committee" § 1-101

8 "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

9 "Election" § 1-101

10 13-203. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED.

11 EACH CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REPORTING  
12 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
14 change from the fourth sentence of former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(1)(i), the  
15 second sentence of (e), and, as it related to the responsibility to file  
16 campaign finance reports, the seventh sentence of § 13-202(a).

17 The reference to the defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted  
18 for the former references to the "candidate and treasurer", "treasurer of the  
19 slate", "treasurer of any political committee", and "treasurer and  
20 chairman" for clarity and brevity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title  
21 and § 1-101 of this article.

22 Defined term: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

23 13-204. RESERVED.

24 13-205. RESERVED.

25 PART II. ORGANIZATION.

26 13-206. PERSONAL TREASURER.

27 (A) APPLICABILITY.

28 THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A CANDIDATE WHO ELECTS TO USE A  
29 PERSONAL TREASURER TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY.

30 (B) PREREQUISITE TO ACTIVITY.

31 A CANDIDATE MAY NOT RECEIVE OR DISBURSE MONEY OR ANY OTHER THING  
32 OF VALUE THROUGH A PERSONAL TREASURER UNLESS THE CANDIDATE  
33 ESTABLISHES A PERSONAL TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
34 OF THIS SECTION.

1 (C) ESTABLISHMENT.

2 TO ESTABLISH A PERSONAL TREASURER, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

3 (1) APPOINT A TREASURER ON A FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD  
4 PRESCRIBES AND THAT INCLUDES THE TREASURER'S NAME AND ADDRESS; AND

5 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, FILE THE FORM  
6 WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS REQUIRED TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF  
7 CANDIDACY.

8 (D) ACCEPTANCE BY THE TREASURER.

9 AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT FILE A FORM APPOINTING A TREASURER, AND THE  
10 APPOINTEE MAY NOT ACT AS TREASURER, UNTIL:

11 (1) THE APPOINTEE ACCEPTS THE APPOINTMENT IN WRITING ON A  
12 FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES; AND

13 (2) THE ACCEPTANCE FORM IS FILED WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE  
14 INDIVIDUAL IS REQUIRED TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.

15 (E) VACANCY.

16 (1) A TREASURER MAY RESIGN BY COMPLETING A RESIGNATION FORM  
17 THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES AND FILING THE FORM WITH THE BOARD  
18 WHERE THE PERSONAL TREASURER WAS ESTABLISHED.

19 (2) IF A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF TREASURER, THE  
20 CANDIDATE PROMPTLY SHALL APPOINT A NEW TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
21 THIS SECTION.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added to  
23 clarify that this section only applies to a candidate who elects to use a  
24 personal treasurer.

25 Subsections (b) through (e) of this section are new language derived  
26 without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(2), the second  
27 sentence of (a)(1)(i), and, as they related to the establishment of a personal  
28 treasurer for a candidate, (b) and the first sentence of (a) and (c).

29 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a candidate "not  
30 receiv[ing] or disburs[ing] money or any other thing of value through a  
31 personal treasurer" is substituted for the former reference to a "person not  
32 act[ing] as a treasurer" for clarity and consistency with § 13-207(b) of this  
33 subtitle.

34 In subsection (c) of this section, the former references to a "campaign"  
35 treasurer are deleted in light of the use of the defined term "treasurer".

36 In subsection (e)(1) of this section, the reference to the board "where the

1 personal treasurer was established" is substituted for the former reference  
2 to the board "where the original appointment was filed" for clarity and  
3 accuracy.

4 Also in subsection (e)(1) of this section, the former reference to "sign[ing]"  
5 a resignation form is deleted as included in the reference to "completing" a  
6 resignation form.

7 In subsection (e)(2) of this section, the reference to a candidate's  
8 appointment of a new treasurer in the event of a "vacancy" is added for  
9 clarity and to conform to the presumed legislative intent. The Election Law  
10 Article Review Committee calls this addition to the attention of the  
11 General Assembly.

12 Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101

13 "State Board" § 1-101

14 "Treasurer" § 1-101

15 **13-207. POLITICAL COMMITTEES -- IN GENERAL.**

16 **(A) APPLICABILITY.**

17 **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OTHER THAN A POLITICAL**  
18 **CLUB.**

19 **(B) PREREQUISITE TO ACTIVITY.**

20 **A POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECEIVE OR DISBURSE MONEY OR ANY**  
21 **OTHER THING OF VALUE UNLESS THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED IN**  
22 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

23 **(C) ESTABLISHMENT.**

24 **TO ESTABLISH A POLITICAL COMMITTEE:**

25 **(1) A CHAIRMAN AND A TREASURER SHALL BE APPOINTED ON A FORM**  
26 **THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES AND THAT IS SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND**  
27 **TREASURER AND INCLUDES:**

28 **(I) THE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE**  
29 **TREASURER; AND**

30 **(II) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY § 13-208 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**  
31 **AND**

32 **(2) THE FORM SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE**  
33 **POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS.**

34 **(D) VACANCY.**

1 (1) A CHAIRMAN OR TREASURER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY  
2 RESIGN BY COMPLETING A RESIGNATION FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD  
3 PRESCRIBES AND FILING THE FORM WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE POLITICAL  
4 COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED.

5 (2) IF A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OR THE  
6 OFFICE OF TREASURER, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE PROMPTLY SHALL APPOINT A  
7 NEW CHAIRMAN OR TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
9 change from former Art. 33, § 13-202(a), as it related to the appointment,  
10 resignation, and duties of a chairman and a treasurer for a political club.

11 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a political  
12 committee "collect[ing]" money or other valuable things is deleted as  
13 redundant in light of the use of the word "receive".

14 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a political  
15 committee "or any of its members" is deleted because the identity of the  
16 members of a political committee is not reported to the State Board or a  
17 local board.

18 In the introductory language of subsection (c) of this section, the former  
19 requirement that a political committee or a central committee "constantly  
20 maintain" a chairman and treasurer is deleted as surplusage.

21 In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the former references to the "other  
22 principal officers" and "other officers" of a political committee are deleted  
23 because their identity is not reported to the State Board or a local board.

24 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, as to the substitution of the defined  
25 term "campaign finance report" for the former reference to "campaign fund  
26 reports", *see* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

27 In subsection (d)(1) and (2) of this section, the references to the defined  
28 term "political committee" are substituted for the former references to a  
29 "committee" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101  
30 of this article.

31 In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to the board "where the  
32 political committee was established" is substituted for the former reference  
33 to the board "where the original appointment was filed" for clarity and  
34 accuracy.

35 Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the former reference to "sign[ing]"  
36 a resignation form is deleted as included in the reference to "completing" a  
37 resignation form.

38 Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the former reference to "otherwise  
39 ceas[ing] to be a chairman or treasurer" is deleted as included in the

1 reference to "resign[ing]".

2 In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the reference to a political committee's  
3 appointment of a chairman or treasurer in the event of a "vacancy" is  
4 added for clarity and to reflect the former reference to an individual  
5 "otherwise ceas[ing] to be chairman or treasurer".

6 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
7 General Assembly, that the term "political club" is not defined under the  
8 Election Code. The Attorney General has loosely defined the term to mean  
9 an organization that has dues-paying members, functions between  
10 elections, continues in existence from year to year, and supports from time  
11 to time various candidates and causes. *See* Letter of Advice dated January  
12 23, 1978, to the Honorable Donald P. Hutchinson, Maryland State Senate,  
13 from George A. Nilson, Deputy Attorney General. The General Assembly  
14 may wish to consider adding a definition of the term in this article.

15 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

16 "Political committee" § 1-101

17 "State Board" § 1-101

18 "Treasurer" § 1-101

19 **13-208. POLITICAL COMMITTEES -- STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION.**

20 (A) SCOPE.

21 THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OTHER THAN A POLITICAL  
22 CLUB.

23 (B) REQUIREMENT.

24 A POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE, WITH THE FILING REQUIRED BY §  
25 13-207(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION THAT INCLUDES ITS  
26 NAME AND A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

27 (C) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

28 THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE SHALL SPECIFY:

29 (1) EACH CANDIDATE OR BALLOT QUESTION, IF ANY, THAT THE  
30 POLITICAL COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO PROMOTE OR DEFEAT; AND

31 (2) THE IDENTITY OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING ANY  
32 BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION, IF ANY, THAT THE ORGANIZERS OF OR CONTRIBUTORS  
33 TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAVE IN COMMON.

34 (D) NAME.



1 (1) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY NOT USE A NAME THAT IS INTENDED  
2 OR OPERATES TO DECEIVE PEOPLE AS TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S TRUE  
3 NATURE OR CHARACTER.

4 (2) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY AND FOR A SINGLE  
5 CANDIDATE SHALL DISCLOSE WITHIN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S NAME THE  
6 NAME OF THE CANDIDATE.

7 (3) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE SPONSORED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH  
8 ANOTHER ENTITY OR GROUP SHALL IDENTIFY WITHIN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S  
9 NAME THE OTHER ENTITY OR GROUP.

10 (E) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION.

11 A CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION REPORTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
12 DISCLOSED IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT NEXT FILED BY THE POLITICAL  
13 COMMITTEE.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for  
15 clarity.

16 Subsections (b) through (e) of this section are new language derived  
17 without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-202(c).

18 Throughout this section, the defined term "political committee" is  
19 substituted for the former references to a "committee". *See* General  
20 Revisor's Note to this title.

21 In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "with the filing required by §  
22 13-207(c) of this subtitle" is added for clarity.

23 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the reference to "a statement of  
24 organization" is added for clarity and accuracy.

25 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former clause "[i]n addition to the  
26 other requirements of this section" is deleted as surplusage.

27 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the reference to "organizers" of a  
28 political committee is substituted for the former reference to "members"  
29 because the identity of the "members" of a political committee is not  
30 reported to the State Board or a local board.

31 In subsection (d) of this section, the introductory language of former Art.  
32 33, § 13-202(c)(2) is deleted as surplusage.

33 In subsection (e) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
34 report" is substituted for the former reference to a "report of contributions  
35 and expenditures". *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of  
36 this article.

1 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

2 "Candidate" § 1-101

3 "Political committee" § 1-101

4 **13-209. SAME -- SLATES.**

5 (A) **IN GENERAL.**

6 **TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED SEPARATE CAMPAIGN**  
7 **FINANCE ENTITIES MAY FORM A SLATE.**

8 (B) **JOINING.**

9 **AFTER ESTABLISHING A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
10 **13-202(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A CANDIDATE MAY JOIN A SLATE.**

11 (C) **NOTICE REQUIRED.**

12 (1) **TO JOIN A SLATE, A CANDIDATE SHALL FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE**  
13 **WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE CANDIDATE FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.**

14 (2) **THE NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY:**

15 (I) **THE NAME OF THE SLATE THAT THE CANDIDATE HAS JOINED;**  
16 **AND**

17 (II) **THE DATE ON WHICH THE CANDIDATE JOINED THE SLATE.**

18 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
19 **change from the first sentence of former Art. 33, § 13-201(e).**

20 **Throughout this section, the defined term "slate" is substituted for the**  
21 **former phrase, "group, combination or organization of candidates,**  
22 **commonly known as a `slate'". See § 1-101 of this article.**

23 **In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the references to establishing a**  
24 **"campaign finance" entity are substituted for the former references to**  
25 **"filing the name of a treasurer" and "the filing" for clarity. See General**  
26 **Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

27 **In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to establishing a campaign**  
28 **finance entity "in accordance with § 13-202(b) of this subtitle" is added for**  
29 **clarity and brevity.**

30 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

31 "Candidate" § 1-101

32 "Slate" § 1-101

33 **13-210. SAME -- LOBBYISTS.**

34 (A) **LOBBYIST DEFINED.**

1 IN THIS SECTION, "LOBBYIST" MEANS A REGULATED LOBBYIST AS DESCRIBED  
2 IN THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

3 (B) APPLICABILITY OF STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

4 A LOBBYIST, OR PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF A LOBBYIST, MAY BE SUBJECT  
5 TO THE LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY PRESCRIBED IN THE STATE  
6 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for  
8 clarity.

9 Subsection (b) of this section is new language added to reflect the  
10 consolidation and recodification of former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(4)(i)2 in §  
11 15-707(d) of the State Government Article. *See* Ch. 631 (HB 2), Acts of  
12 2001.

13 13-211. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES -- SUBTREASURERS.

14 (A) IN GENERAL.

15 A TREASURER FOR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY APPOINT A  
16 SUBTREASURER FOR ANY COUNTY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

17 (B) PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

18 NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AS TO ANY COUNTY, A  
19 TREASURER OF THE STATE OR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL  
20 PARTY MAY APPOINT A SUBTREASURER FOR EACH PRECINCT IN THE COUNTY.

21 (C) MANNER OF APPOINTMENT.

22 A TREASURER MAY APPOINT A SUBTREASURER UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OR (B)  
23 OF THIS SECTION BY:

24 (1) COMPLETING A FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES AND  
25 THAT INCLUDES THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THAT SUBTREASURER; AND

26 (2) FILING THE FORM WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE CAMPAIGN  
27 FINANCE ENTITY IS ESTABLISHED.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
29 change from the first sentences of former Art. 33, §§ 13-201(c) and (d) and  
30 13-203 as they related to the appointment of a subtreasurer by a  
31 treasurer.

32 In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the former references to  
33 "Baltimore City", "City of Baltimore", and "city" are deleted, as the  
34 definition of "county" in § 1-101 of this article includes Baltimore City.

35 In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to a "separate"

1     subtreasurer is deleted as surplusage.

2     In subsection (b) of this section, the introductory clause,  
3     "[n]otwithstanding subsection (a) of this section" is added for clarity.

4     Also in subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "as to any county, a  
5     treasurer appointed by the State or county central committee of a political  
6     party" is substituted for the former reference to "[t]he treasurer appointed  
7     by the central committee of any party, or the treasurer appointed in any  
8     county or City of Baltimore by the members of the central committee for  
9     such county or city of any party, or the treasurer appointed by the city  
10    committee of Baltimore City of any party" for brevity and clarity.

11    Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a "voting"  
12    precinct is deleted in light of the reference to the defined term "precinct".

13    In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to filing the form "where the  
14    campaign finance entity is established" is substituted for the former  
15    reference to the board "with which the candidate is required to file a  
16    certificate of candidacy" for clarity and accuracy.

17    **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

18    "County" § 1-101

19    "Precinct" § 1-101

20    "State Board" § 1-101

21    "Treasurer" § 1-101

22    **13-212. SAME -- CAMPAIGN MANAGER.**

23    **AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPOINT A CAMPAIGN MANAGER BY:**

24           (1)     **COMPLETING A FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES AND**  
25    **THAT INCLUDES THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THAT CAMPAIGN MANAGER; AND**

26           (2)     **FILING THE FORM WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS**  
27    **REQUIRED TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.**

28    **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
29    **change from the first sentence of former Art. 33, § 13-201(c), as it related**  
30    **to the appointment of a campaign manager.**

31    **Defined term: "State Board" § 1-101**

1 13-213. RESERVED.

2                   PART III. CAMPAIGN FINANCE OFFICERS -- RESPONSIBILITY, QUALIFICATIONS, AND  
3                   ELIGIBILITY.

4 13-214. RESPONSIBILITY.

5       (A)       JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS.

6       THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ARE JOINTLY  
7 AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN  
8 FULL AND ACCURATE DETAIL AND FOR ALL OTHER ACTIONS OF THE ENTITY.

9       (B)       NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS.

10       NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY BY SERVING  
11 THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language derived  
13 without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(c).

14       Subsection (b) of this section is new language added for clarity.

15       In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the reference to the defined term  
16 "campaign finance entity" is added for consistency and clarity. *See* General  
17 Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

18       In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to the defined term  
19 "campaign finance report" is substituted for the former reference to  
20 "reports or statements". *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and §  
21 1-101 of this article.

22       Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "all other actions of  
23 the entity" is new language added for clarity. The Election Law Article  
24 Review Committee calls this addition to the attention of the General  
25 Assembly.

26 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

27       "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

28       "Responsible officer" § 1-101

29 13-215. QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY.

30       (A)       QUALIFICATIONS.

31       EACH CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, SUBTREASURER, AND CAMPAIGN MANAGER  
32 SHALL BE A REGISTERED VOTER OF THE STATE.

33       (B)       ELIGIBILITY -- CANDIDATES.

1           (1)     **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CANDIDATE**  
 2 **MAY NOT ACT:**

3           **(I)     AS THE TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER OF A CAMPAIGN**  
 4 **FINANCE ENTITY OF THE CANDIDATE; OR**

5           **(II)    WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY:**

6                     1.     **AS THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER, TREASURER, OR**  
 7 **SUBTREASURER; OR**

8                     2.     **IN ANY OTHER POSITION THAT EXERCISES GENERAL**  
 9 **OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ENTITY.**

10           (2)     **AN INCUMBENT MEMBER OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHO IS A**  
 11 **CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO PARTY OFFICE MAY ACT AS THE TREASURER OF THAT**  
 12 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**

13           **(C)     SAME -- OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE OFFICERS.**

14     **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE CHAIRMAN, TREASURER,**  
 15 **SUBTREASURER, OR CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY**  
 16 **SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, SUBTREASURER, OR CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF**  
 17 **ANOTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.**

18 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
 19 **change from the second, third, and fourth sentences of former Art. 33, §**  
 20 **13-201(c) and, as it related to the qualifications and eligibility of campaign**  
 21 **officers, § 13-202(a).**

22 **In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to an individual who**  
 23 **is not a "citizen, resident" is deleted in light of the reference to being a**  
 24 **"registered voter". The Election Law Article Review Committee assumes**  
 25 **that the General Assembly did not intend to require that a campaign**  
 26 **finance officer be physically present or actually living in the State.**

27 **Also in subsection (a) of this section, the Election Law Article Review**  
 28 **Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the**  
 29 **requirement that a campaign manager be a registered voter of the State is**  
 30 **generally ignored and not adhered to and is unenforced, since the identity**  
 31 **of a campaign manager generally is not reported to or known by the State**  
 32 **Board.**

33 **Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to "any election**  
 34 **or primary election" is deleted as surplusage.**

35 **In subsections (b)(1) and (c) of this section, the defined term "campaign**  
 36 **finance entity" is substituted for the former references to "candidate or**  
 37 **political committee" for clarity. See General Revisor's Note to this title and**  
 38 **§ 1-101 of this article.**

1 In the introductory language of subsection (b)(1) of this section, the defined  
2 term "candidate" is substituted for the former phrase "candidate for public  
3 or party office or nomination to public or party office" for brevity.

4 In subsection (b)(1)(ii)2 of this section, the reference to not acting "in any  
5 other position that exercises general overall responsibility for the conduct  
6 of the entity" is added for clarity and for consistency with the  
7 interpretation and practice of the State Board.

8 In subsection (c) of this section, the references to a "chairman" are added  
9 for clarity and for consistency with the interpretation and practice of the  
10 State Board to allow a chairman of a campaign finance entity to also act as  
11 the chairman of another campaign finance entity, subject to the limitation  
12 specified in subsection (b)(1)(ii)2 of this section.

13 Also in subsection (c) of this section, the first reference to "campaign  
14 finance entity" is new language added to state expressly that which  
15 formerly only was implied by the reference to a political committee in the  
16 second sentence of former Art. 33, § 13-201(c).

17 Former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(3) is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 2-301  
18 of this article.

19 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

20 **"Campaign manager" § 1-101**

21 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

22 **"Election" § 1-101**

23 **"Treasurer" § 1-101**

24 **13-216. RESERVED.**

25 **13-217. RESERVED.**

26 **PART IV. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY AND RECORDS.**

27 **13-218. TREASURER -- CONTROL OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.**

28 **(A) CONTRIBUTIONS.**

29 **ALL ASSETS RECEIVED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY**  
30 **SHALL BE:**

31 **(1) DELIVERED TO THE TREASURER; AND**

32 **(2) MAINTAINED BY THE TREASURER FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE**  
33 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.**

34 **(B) DISBURSEMENTS -- IN GENERAL.**

35 **(1) ASSETS OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY BE DISBURSED ONLY:**

1 (I) IF THEY HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE HANDS OF THE  
2 TREASURER; AND

3 (II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE ENTITY.

4 (2) SUBJECT TO § 13-220(B)(2) AND (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE  
5 TREASURER SHALL MAKE ALL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
6 ENTITY.

7 (C) SAME -- CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

8 THE TREASURER OF A STATE OR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A  
9 POLITICAL PARTY MAY NOT MAKE ANY DISBURSEMENT OF THE CENTRAL  
10 COMMITTEE'S ASSETS, OR INCUR ANY LIABILITY ON ITS BEHALF, WITHOUT  
11 AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) and (b) of this section are new language  
13 derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §§ 13-205(a),  
14 13-210(a), and as it related to the responsibilities of a treasurer, §  
15 13-202(a).

16 Subsection (c) of this section is new language derived without substantive  
17 change from former Art. 33, § 13-205(c).

18 In subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the references to "assets" are  
19 substituted for the former reference to "contributions, money or other  
20 valuable things" and "money or other valuable" things for brevity.

21 In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the defined term "campaign  
22 finance entity" is substituted for the former references to "treasurer" and  
23 "candidate or committee" for clarity. *See* § 1-101 of this article.

24 In subsection (a) of this section, former § 13-210(b)(1) is deleted as  
25 included in the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

26 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to assets received by "or  
27 on behalf of" a candidate or political committee is added for clarity.

28 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to money or  
29 other valuable things "collected" is deleted as duplicative of the word  
30 "received".

31 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "members" is  
32 deleted as misleading because the identities of the members of a political  
33 committee are not reported to the State Board or a local board.

34 In subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to "expend[ing]"  
35 money is deleted as included in the reference to a "disbursement" for  
36 brevity.



1 Also in subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a "county" central  
2 committee is added for clarity.

3 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

4 "Treasurer" § 1-101

5 **13-219. SUBTREASURER -- DUTIES.**

6 (A) IN GENERAL.

7 A SUBTREASURER SHALL:

8 (1) DEPOSIT, DISBURSE, AND ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS IN THE SAME  
9 MANNER AS, AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF, THE TREASURER;

10 (2) SUBMIT A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT UNDER OATH TO THE  
11 TREASURER ON A FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES; AND

12 (3) INCLUDE WITH THE REPORT A COPY OF EACH CAMPAIGN  
13 CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT ISSUED.

14 (B) REPORT BY CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

15 THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY  
16 UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE ATTACHED TO IT A COPY OF THE  
17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT OF THE SUBTREASURER AND ACCOUNT FOR THE ITEMS  
18 IN THE SUBTREASURER'S REPORT.

19 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
20 change from former Art. 33, §§ 13-203 and 13-201(d), as they related to  
21 the authority and duties of a subtreasurer, and § 13-206(b)(2).

22 This section is revised for brevity and clarity in light of 76 *Opinions of the*  
23 *Attorney General* 200 (1991) [Opinion No. 91-034 (July 26, 1991)], which  
24 provides that "... a subtreasurer may deposit funds and disburse money ..."  
25 and that "a subtreasurer's accountability under FEPA is identical to the  
26 treasurer's". Accordingly, the former reference to the authority of a  
27 subtreasurer to "expend such money as may be placed in his hands by the  
28 treasurer appointing him" is deleted as implicit in the authority vested in  
29 a treasurer when appointing a subtreasurer.

30 As to the substitution of the defined term "campaign finance report" for  
31 the former references to a "report", *see* General Revisor's Note to this title  
32 and § 1-101 of this article.

33 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

34 "State Board" § 1-101

35 "Treasurer" § 1-101

1 **13-220. CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS.**

2 (A) **REQUIREMENT.**

3 (1) **EACH CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE**  
4 **CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS.**

5 (2) **EACH DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT SHALL:**

6 (I) **BE IN A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION; AND**

7 (II) **BE REGISTERED IN A MANNER THAT IDENTIFIES IT AS THE**  
8 **ACCOUNT OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.**

9 (3) **A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL DEPOSIT ALL FUNDS**  
10 **RECEIVED IN A DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.**

11 (B) **DISBURSEMENTS BY CHECK.**

12 (1) **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION**  
13 **(C) OF THIS SECTION, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR**  
14 **INDIRECTLY MAKE A DISBURSEMENT EXCEPT BY CHECK FROM A CAMPAIGN**  
15 **ACCOUNT DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

16 (2) **A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, OR A PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE**  
17 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, MAY PAY AN EXPENSE OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
18 **ENTITY FROM FUNDS OTHER THAN A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT IF:**

19 (I) **THE EXPENSE IS SUPPORTED BY A RECEIPT THAT IS PROVIDED**  
20 **TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY; AND**

21 (II) **THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY REIMBURSES THE PERSON**  
22 **WHO PAID THE EXPENSE BY CHECK FROM THE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AND REPORTS**  
23 **THE EXPENSE AS AN EXPENDITURE OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IN**  
24 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.**

25 (C) **PETTY CASH FUND.**

26 (1) **A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY MAINTAIN A PETTY CASH FUND.**

27 (2) **THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL MAINTAIN A SEPARATE**  
28 **ACCOUNT BOOK FOR THE PETTY CASH FUND.**

29 (3) **THE PETTY CASH FUND:**

30 (I) **MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 AT ANY TIME; AND**

31 (II) **MAY BE REPLENISHED ONLY BY CHECK FROM A CAMPAIGN**  
32 **ACCOUNT DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

1           (4)     NOT MORE THAN \$25 MAY BE DISBURSED FROM THE PETTY CASH  
2 FUND IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION TO A SINGLE RECIPIENT.

3           (5)     EACH PETTY CASH EXPENDITURE SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY A  
4 RECEIPT AND REPORTED BY CATEGORY ON THE APPROPRIATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
5 REPORT.

6           (6)     THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE THAT  
7 OTHERWISE IS UNLAWFUL UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (c)(2) through (6) of this section are  
9 new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §  
10 13-204.

11 Subsection (c)(1) of this section is new language added for clarity.

12 Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance entity" is  
13 substituted for the former references to "candidate, political committee,  
14 central committee", "treasurer or subtreasurer", "campaign treasurer or  
15 subtreasurer", and "treasurer" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to  
16 this title and § 1-101 of this article.

17 In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the references to a "campaign  
18 account" are substituted for the former reference to "depository or  
19 depositories" and "depository" for consistency with current terminology.

20 In subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to a campaign account  
21 "in a financial institution" is added for clarity and accuracy.

22 In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the former requirement that a  
23 campaign account "properly" identify a name is deleted as surplusage.

24 In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the former reference to "contributions in  
25 furtherance of a candidacy, political committee or central committee" is  
26 deleted in light of the use of the term "funds".

27 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to making a  
28 "disbursement" is substituted for the former reference to "pay any  
29 expense" for clarity and consistency with other provisions of this subtitle.

30 Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former reference to "including  
31 political clubs," is deleted as included in the reference to a campaign  
32 finance entity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title.

33 In subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to a receipt that is  
34 "provided to" the campaign finance entity is substituted for the former  
35 reference to a receipt that is "retained by" the entity for accuracy and in  
36 light of § 13-221(b) of this subtitle which governs the retention of the  
37 records of a campaign finance entity.

1 In subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section, the former reference to the "nature"  
2 of the expense is deleted in light of the requirement that the expense be  
3 reported as an expenditure by the campaign finance entity.

4 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the former reference to a "ledger" is  
5 deleted in light of the reference to an "account book".

6 In subsection (c)(5) of this section, the former reference to receipts "that  
7 are retained by the treasurer" is deleted in light of the requirement that  
8 each petty cash expenditure "be supported by a receipt".

9 Also in subsection (c)(5) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
10 report" is substituted for the former reference to "campaign fund report".  
11 *See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.*

12 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

13 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

14 **"Election" § 1-101**

15 **"Expenditure" § 1-101**

16 **13-221. BOOKS AND RECORDS.**

17 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

18 **(1) THE TREASURER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL KEEP A**  
19 **DETAILED AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT BOOK OF ALL ASSETS RECEIVED,**  
20 **EXPENDITURES MADE, AND OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE**  
21 **ENTITY.**

22 **(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-240 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AS TO EACH**  
23 **ASSET RECEIVED OR EXPENDITURE MADE, THE ACCOUNT BOOK SHALL STATE:**

24 **(I) ITS AMOUNT OR VALUE;**

25 **(II) THE DATE OF THE RECEIPT OR EXPENDITURE;**

26 **(III) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON FROM WHOM THE**  
27 **ASSET WAS RECEIVED OR TO WHOM THE EXPENDITURE WAS MADE; AND**

28 **(IV) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSET RECEIVED OR THE PURPOSE**  
29 **FOR WHICH THE EXPENDITURE WAS MADE.**

30 **(3) EACH EXPENDITURE MADE FROM A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT SHALL BE**  
31 **SUPPORTED BY A RECEIPT.**

32 **(B) RETENTION.**

33 **THE ACCOUNT BOOKS AND RELATED RECORDS OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
34 **ENTITY SHALL BE PRESERVED UNTIL 2 YEARS AFTER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
35 **ENTITY FILES A FINAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS**  
36 **TITLE.**

1 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
2 change from former Art. 33, § 13-206(a)(1) and (2).

3 In subsections (a)(1) and (b) of this section, the references to the defined  
4 term "campaign finance entity" are added for clarity and to state explicitly  
5 that which formerly was implicit in the references to a "treasurer",  
6 "subtreasurer", or "campaign entity".

7 In subsection (a)(1) and (3) of this section, the former references to a  
8 "subtreasurer" are deleted in light of § 13-219 of this subtitle.

9 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to "asset[s]" is substituted  
10 for the former references to "contributions, money, or valuable things",  
11 "money or valuable things", "sum or valuable thing", and "sum, or other  
12 valuable thing" for brevity and consistency with § 13-218 of this subtitle.

13 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a "full" and  
14 "proper" account book is deleted in light of the reference to a "detailed and  
15 accurate" account book.

16 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to  
17 contributions, money, or valuable things "promised to" a political  
18 committee is deleted in light of the use of the word "assets".

19 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to account  
20 books being "preserved" by the treasurer is deleted in light of the  
21 requirement that the treasure "keep" the book.

22 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a political  
23 committee "or any of its officers or members, or by any person acting under  
24 its authority" is deleted as included in the reference to actions "by or on  
25 behalf of the entity".

26 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former references to  
27 "disbursements" and "promises of payment" are deleted as included in the  
28 reference to "each ... expenditure".

29 In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the former requirement that the receipt  
30 be "retained by the treasurer" is deleted in light of the requirement that  
31 each expenditure be supported by a receipt and in light of subsection (b) of  
32 this section.

33 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to "campaign finance" report  
34 is added. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

35 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the reference to "related" records is  
36 added for clarity.

37 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a longer  
38 "retention" period that may be set by "a court of competent jurisdiction" is

1 deleted as implicit in the inherent authority of a court.

2 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

3 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

4 "Expenditure" § 1-101

5 "Treasurer" § 1-101

6 13-222. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS.

7 (A) IN GENERAL.

8 (1) ON RECEIVING AND BEFORE DEPOSITING A CONTRIBUTION  
9 SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A TREASURER OR  
10 SUBTREASURER SHALL ISSUE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT ON THE FORM  
11 THAT THE STATE BOARD PRESCRIBES.

12 (2) A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT SHALL BE MAILED OR  
13 DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON WHO:

14 (I) MAKES ONE OR MORE CONTRIBUTIONS, OTHER THAN THE  
15 PURCHASE OF TICKETS FOR A CAMPAIGN EVENT, IN THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF  
16 \$51 OR MORE; OR

17 (II) PURCHASES ONE OR MORE TICKETS FOR A CAMPAIGN EVENT:

18 1. AT A COST OF \$51 OR MORE PER TICKET; OR

19 2. IN THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$251 OR MORE.

20 (3) AT THE REQUEST OF A CONTRIBUTOR, A TREASURER OR  
21 SUBTREASURER SHALL ISSUE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT FOR ANY  
22 OTHER CONTRIBUTION.

23 (4) A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
24 IS EVIDENCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION.

25 (B) REPORTING OF INFORMATION.

26 THE INFORMATION FROM A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT SHALL BE  
27 INCLUDED IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILED BY THE TREASURER OR  
28 SUBTREASURER UNDER THIS TITLE.

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
30 change from former Art. 33, § 13-206(b)(1), (3), and (4).

31 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to issuing a receipt "on"  
32 the form that the State Board prescribes is substituted for the former  
33 reference to issuing a receipt "in" the form that the State Board prescribes  
34 for accuracy.

35 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former references to a "treasurer of

1 a committee, group, or organization" are deleted as included in the  
2 reference to a "person".

3 Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former references to sending a  
4 receipt to each person "in whose name" a contribution is made is deleted  
5 for clarity and accuracy.

6 In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the phrase "campaign event" is  
7 substituted for the former reference to "any dinner, testimonial, cocktail  
8 party, barbecue, crab feast, or other campaign-related function" for brevity.

9 As to the substitution of the defined term "campaign finance report" in  
10 subsection (b) of this section for the former reference to "statement of  
11 contributions and expenditures", *see* General Revisor's Note to this title  
12 and § 1-101 of this article.

13 Subsection (b) of this section is revised to state that certain information  
14 shall be included in a campaign finance report rather than requiring the  
15 treasurer to "retain all ... receipts ... with his ... records ... and report the  
16 information therein" for clarity and accuracy.

17 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
18 General Assembly, that the necessity for, or the purpose of, subsection  
19 (a)(4) of this section is not apparent and the General Assembly may wish to  
20 consider the repeal of this provision.

21 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

22 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

23 **"State Board" § 1-101**

24 **"Treasurer" § 1-101**

25 **13-223. RESERVED.**

26 **13-224. RESERVED.**

27 **PART V. CONTRIBUTIONS -- LIMITS.**

28 **13-225. IN GENERAL.**

29 **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE**  
30 **ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART V OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

31 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
32 change from former Art. 33, § 13-212(b), as it related to the right to make  
33 contributions.

34 The former reference to "an individual, association, unincorporated  
35 association, corporation, or other entity" is deleted for brevity.

36 The former reference to the "limitations" on contributions is deleted as

1 implicit in the reference to "this Part V of this subtitle", which sets forth  
2 the limitations.

3 **Defined term: "Contribution" § 1-101**

4 **13-226. CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN TRANSFERS.**

5 (A) **SCOPE OF SECTION.**

6 **THE LIMITS ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:**

7 (1) **A CONTRIBUTION TO A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE; OR**

8 (2) **THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS DEFINED AS TRANSFERS.**

9 (B) **IN GENERAL.**

10 **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT, EITHER**  
11 **DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN AN ELECTION CYCLE MAKE:**

12 (1) **AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF:**

13 (I) **\$4,000 TO ANY ONE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY; OR**

14 (II) **\$10,000 TO ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES; OR**

15 (2) **A CONTRIBUTION OF MONEY IN EXCESS OF \$100 EXCEPT BY CHECK.**

16 (C) **CREDIT CARD.**

17 **A PERSON MAY NOT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION BY CREDIT CARD GREATER THAN**  
18 **\$100 PER TRANSACTION.**

19 (D) **SPECIAL LIMIT FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEES.**

20 (1) **NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A CENTRAL**  
21 **COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY MAY MAKE AGGREGATE IN-KIND**  
22 **CONTRIBUTIONS DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE THAT ARE NOT IN EXCESS OF:**

23 (I) **FOR A STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, \$1 FOR EVERY TWO**  
24 **REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE; AND**

25 (II) **FOR A LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, \$1 FOR EVERY TWO**  
26 **REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY.**

27 (2) **FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**  
28 **NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IS DETERMINED, REGARDLESS OF PARTY**  
29 **AFFILIATION, AS OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE ELECTION CYCLE.**

30 (E) **MULTIPLE CANDIDACIES OR ENTITIES.**



1 THE LIMIT ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A  
2 CANDIDATE APPLIES REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF OFFICES SOUGHT BY THE  
3 CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES FORMED TO SUPPORT THE  
4 CANDIDATE.

5 (F) AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS.

6 CONTRIBUTIONS BY A CORPORATION AND ANY WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY  
7 OF THE CORPORATION, OR BY TWO OR MORE CORPORATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME  
8 STOCKHOLDERS, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS BEING MADE BY ONE CONTRIBUTOR.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a)(1), (b) through (d), and (f) of this section are  
10 new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §  
11 13-212(a)(1) and (2); and, as it related to the application of the limits on  
12 contributions to an election cycle, (a)(3)(i); and, as it related to the  
13 attribution of contributions to certain entities, (b); and, as it related to  
14 contributions to a ballot issue committee, § 13-214.

15 Subsection (a)(2) of this section is new language added for clarity.

16 Subsection (e) of this section is new language added for clarity and for  
17 consistency with the advice rendered by the Attorney General regarding  
18 the application of the contribution limits under this section when multiple  
19 campaign finance entities are formed to support a candidate. *See* Letter of  
20 Advice dated January 4, 2001, from Robert A. Zarnoch, Assistant Attorney  
21 General, Counsel to the General Assembly, to the Honorable Donald B.  
22 Robertson, Election Law Article Review Committee.

23 In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the reference  
24 to "limits" is substituted for the former references to "limitations" for  
25 consistency.

26 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former reference to "any money or  
27 thing of value" is deleted as included in the defined term "contribution[s]".

28 In subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the reference to any "one" campaign  
29 finance entity is added for clarity.

30 Also in subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the defined term "campaign  
31 finance entit[ies]" is substituted for the former references to "candidate or  
32 political committee" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and  
33 § 1-101 of this article.

34 In subsection (b)(1)(ii) of this section, the phrase "to all campaign finance  
35 entities" is added for clarity.

36 In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to the limit on "in-kind"  
37 contributions that a State or local central committee may make during an  
38 election cycle is added for clarity and for consistency with the advice  
39 rendered by the Office of the Attorney General. *See* Letter of Advice dated

1 June 22, 1998, to Rebecca Wicklund, Director of Candidacy and Campaign  
2 Finance, State Administrative Board of Election Laws, Annapolis,  
3 Maryland from Kathleen Hoke Dache, Assistant Attorney General.

4 Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to "[n]otwithstanding  
5 subsection (b) of this section" is substituted for the former reference to "any  
6 other provision of this article" for clarity.

7 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration of  
8 the General Assembly, that this section has been revised so that the  
9 substantive provisions apply to the State central committee and the local  
10 central committee of a political party. The Committee presumes that this is  
11 the intent of the General Assembly. Thus, in subsection (d)(1)(ii) of this  
12 section, the former reference to a "governing body" of a local central  
13 committee is deleted as surplusage since the governing body for a local  
14 central committee *is* the local central committee.

15 In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the reference to "the first day of the  
16 election cycle" is substituted for the former references to "January 1  
17 following the preceding gubernatorial election" in light of the defined term  
18 "election cycle".

19 In subsection (f) of this section, the former phrase "for the purpose of  
20 determining the maximum amount that a corporation may contribute" is  
21 deleted as surplusage.

22 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
23 General Assembly, that it is the long-standing view of the Office of the  
24 Attorney General that a donation of money or any other valuable thing to  
25 [the political committee of] a political party for maintaining the political  
26 party's normal headquarters office and staff is not chargeable against the  
27 donor's contribution limits under this section. *See, e.g., 60 Opinions of the*  
28 *Attorney General 259 (1975); letter dated July 23, 1991, from Elizabeth L.*  
29 *Nilson, Counsel to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, to the*  
30 *Honorable Robert L. Flanagan; and memorandum dated October 17, 1990,*  
31 *from Joseph Sandler, General Counsel, Maryland Democratic Party. The*  
32 *Election Law Article Review Committee does not intend for the revision of*  
33 *former Art. 33, § 13-212 to affect these former interpretations.*

34 **Defined terms: "Ballot issue committee" § 1-101**

35 **"Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

36 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

37 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

38 **"Election cycle" § 1-101**

39 **"Political party" § 1-101**

40 **13-227. TRANSFERS -- LIMITS.**

41 **(A) SCOPE.**

1 IN THIS SECTION, A "CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY" INCLUDES A NONFEDERAL  
2 OUT-OF-STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

3 (B) APPLICABILITY.

4 THE LIMIT ON TRANSFERS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION  
5 DOES NOT APPLY TO A TRANSFER:

6 (1) BY A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY TO A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE;

7 (2) BETWEEN OR AMONG:

8 (I) POLITICAL COMMITTEES THAT ARE STATE OR LOCAL CENTRAL  
9 COMMITTEES OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY;

10 (II) A SLATE AND THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES OF ITS  
11 MEMBERS; AND

12 (III) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES OF A CANDIDATE.

13 (C) IN GENERAL.

14 DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY NOT  
15 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY MAKE TRANSFERS IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF MORE  
16 THAN \$6,000 TO ANY ONE OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

17 (D) AFFILIATED TRANSFERORS OR TRANSFEREES.

18 (1) ALL AFFILIATED CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES ARE TREATED AS A  
19 SINGLE ENTITY IN DETERMINING:

20 (I) THE AMOUNT OF TRANSFERS MADE BY A CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
21 ENTITY; AND

22 (II) THE AMOUNT OF TRANSFERS RECEIVED BY A CAMPAIGN  
23 FINANCE ENTITY.

24 (2) CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES ARE DEEMED TO BE AFFILIATED IF  
25 THEY:

26 (I) ARE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED IN COORDINATION AND  
27 COOPERATION WITH EACH OTHER; OR

28 (II) OTHERWISE CONDUCT THEIR OPERATIONS AND MAKE THEIR  
29 DECISIONS RELATING TO TRANSFERS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE  
30 CONTROL OF THE SAME INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY.

31 (E) MULTIPLE CANDIDACIES.

1 THE LIMIT ON TRANSFERS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES OF A  
2 CANDIDATE PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES  
3 REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF OFFICES SOUGHT BY THE CANDIDATE.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
5 change from former Art. 33, § 13-213(a) through (e); and, as it related to  
6 the application of the limits on transfers to an election cycle, §  
7 13-212(a)(3)(i); and, as it related to transfers to a ballot issue committee, §  
8 13-214.

9 As to the substitution throughout this section of the defined term  
10 "campaign finance entity" for the former references to a "campaign  
11 committee authorized by a candidate", "political committee ... or ...  
12 candidate", and "political committee", for clarity, *see* General Revisor's  
13 Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article. Similarly, in subsection (c) of  
14 this section, the former references to a "treasurer" are deleted as included  
15 in the reference to transfers by a "campaign finance entity".

16 In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to a "nonfederal"  
17 out-of-state political committee is added for clarity and for consistency  
18 with the advice provided by the Office of the Attorney General in a Letter  
19 of Advice dated June 4, 1993, from Elizabeth L. Nilson, Counsel to the  
20 State Board of Elections, to Carville B. Collins, Esq.

21 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to a political  
22 committee as including "a political committee registered under § 13-202 of  
23 this subtitle" is deleted in light of the use of the defined term "campaign  
24 finance entity".

25 In subsections (b) and (e) of this section, the word "limit" is substituted for  
26 the former word "limitation" for consistency.

27 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "the provisions on  
28 affiliations set forth in this subsection" is deleted as irrelevant to the items  
29 excluded from coverage.

30 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to any "one" other campaign  
31 finance entity is added for clarity.

32 In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the term "entity" is substituted for the  
33 former reference to "transferor" to acknowledge the similar manner in  
34 which both affiliated transferors and affiliated transferees are treated as a  
35 single entity under the law. *See, e.g.*, Letter of Advice dated January 4,  
36 2001, from Robert A. Zarnoch, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the  
37 General Assembly, to the Honorable Donald B. Robertson, Election Law  
38 Article Review Committee.

39 Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to "determining ... the  
40 amount of transfers made by a campaign finance entity ... and ... the  
41 amount of transfers received by a campaign finance entity" is substituted

1 for the former reference to "applying the limitations of this subsection" for  
2 clarity.

3 In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the phrase "deemed to be" is added for  
4 clarity.

5 In subsection (d)(2)(ii) of this section, the word "transfers" is substituted  
6 for the former word "contribution[s]" for consistency with other  
7 terminology in this section.

8 Also in subsection (d)(2)(ii) of this section, the reference to "transfers and  
9 other" contributions is added for clarity and completeness.

10 **Defined terms: "Ballot issue committee" § 1-101**

11 **"Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

12 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

13 **"Election cycle" § 1-101**

14 **"Political committee" § 1-101**

15 **"Political party" § 1-101**

16 **"Slate" § 1-101**

17 **"Transfer" § 1-101**

18 **13-228. SAME -- TRANSFERS BY A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO A CANDIDATE.**

19 **A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE THAT MAKES A TRANSFER TO THE CAMPAIGN**  
20 **FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE OR TO A SLATE SHALL:**

21 (1) **DISPLAY ITS OFFICIAL NAME, AS FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD**  
22 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, IN A PROMINENT PLACE ON THE FACE OF THE CHECK BY**  
23 **WHICH THE FUNDS ARE TRANSFERRED; AND**

24 (2) **INCLUDE IN A PROMINENT PLACE ON THE FACE OF THE CHECK THE**  
25 **WORDS "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" OR THE NOTATION "PAC", TO INDICATE**  
26 **THAT THE TRANSFEROR IS A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.**

27 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
28 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-213(f)(2).**

29 **In the introductory language of this section, the reference to the "campaign**  
30 **finance entity" of a candidate is substituted for the former reference to the**  
31 **"treasurer or political committee" for consistency with the other provisions**  
32 **of this title. See General Revisor's Note to this title.**

33 **Also in the introductory language of this section, the former reference to a**  
34 **slate of "candidates" is deleted as redundant in light of the use of the**  
35 **defined term "slate".**

36 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

37 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

38 **"Political action committee" § 1-101**

1 "Slate" § 1-101

2 "Transfer" § 1-101

3 **13-229. SAME -- PROHIBITED.**

4 A TRANSFER IS NOT ALLOWED IF IT IS INTENDED TO CONCEAL THE SOURCE OF  
5 THE FUNDS OR THE INTENDED RECIPIENT.

6 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
7 change from former Art. 33, § 13-213(f)(1).

8 The reference to the "source of the funds" is substituted for the former  
9 reference to the "true identity of the actual contributor" for clarity and  
10 accuracy.

11 The former phrase "of any kind, in any amount" is deleted as surplusage.

12 **Defined term: "Transfer" § 1-101**

13 **13-230. LOANS.**

14 (A) **TREATMENT -- GENERALLY.**

15 A LOAN TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IS CONSIDERED A CONTRIBUTION IN  
16 THE AMOUNT OF THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF THE LOAN UNLESS:

17 (1) THE LOAN IS FROM A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OR OTHER ENTITY IN  
18 THE BUSINESS OF MAKING LOANS; OR

19 (2) THE LOAN IS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE  
20 AND:

21 (I) REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN IS PERSONALLY GUARANTEED BY  
22 THE CANDIDATE; AND

23 (II) THE ELECTION CYCLE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
24 ELECTION CYCLE IN WHICH THE LOAN WAS MADE HAS NOT ENDED.

25 (B) **SAME -- UNCHARGED INTEREST.**

26 (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION, UNCHARGED  
27 INTEREST ON A LOAN IS A CONTRIBUTION.

28 (2) UNCHARGED INTEREST IS THE AMOUNT BY WHICH, DURING A  
29 REPORTING PERIOD, THE INTEREST ACTUALLY CHARGED ON THE LOAN IS LESS  
30 THAN THE INTEREST WOULD BE IF COMPUTED AT THE PRIME RATE APPLICABLE ON  
31 THE DAY THE LOAN WAS MADE.

32 (C) **REQUIRED TERMS.**

1           (1)     **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERMS OF A**  
2 **LOAN TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL:**

3                   (I)     **BE IN WRITING;**

4                   (II)    **INCLUDE THE LENDER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND SIGNATURE;**

5                   (III)   **STATE THE SCHEDULE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN;**

6                   (IV)   **STATE THE INTEREST RATE OF THE LOAN; AND**

7                   (V)     **BE ATTACHED TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED**  
8 **OF THE ENTITY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD**  
9 **DURING WHICH THE LOAN WAS MADE.**

10           (2)     (I)     **A LOAN BY A CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE TO A**  
11 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF THE CANDIDATE IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY**  
12 **WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

13                   (II)    **UNLESS A LOAN BY A CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S**  
14 **SPOUSE TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF THE CANDIDATE COMPLIES WITH**  
15 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

16                           1.     **THE LOAN MAY NOT ACCRUE INTEREST;**

17                           2.     **ANY INTEREST FOREGONE ON THE LOAN IS NOT A**  
18 **CONTRIBUTION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

19                           3.     **THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO §**  
20 **13-310(A) AND (B) OF THIS TITLE SO LONG AS THE LOAN HAS AN OUTSTANDING**  
21 **PRINCIPAL BALANCE.**

22     (D)     **SAME -- LOANS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE.**

23           (1)     **A LOAN MAY NOT BE MADE TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A**  
24 **CANDIDATE, OR ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE ENTITY, WITHOUT THE EXPRESS**  
25 **WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CANDIDATE.**

26           (2)     **THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CANDIDATE CONSTITUTES THE**  
27 **PERSONAL GUARANTEE OF THE CANDIDATE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN ONLY IF**  
28 **THE DOCUMENT EXPRESSLY SO PROVIDES.**

29           (3)     **A COPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S WRITTEN CONSENT SHALL BE:**

30                   (I)     **FURNISHED TO THE LENDER WHEN THE LOAN IS MADE; AND**

31                   (II)    **ATTACHED TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED OF**  
32 **THE ENTITY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD DURING**  
33 **WHICH THE LOAN WAS MADE.**

1 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
2 change from former Art. 33, §§ 13-208 and 13-207(b).

3 In subsection (a) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
4 entity" is substituted for the former references to "candidate or political  
5 committee" and "candidate" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this  
6 title and § 1-101 of this article.

7 In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the phrase referencing the election  
8 cycle "immediately following the election cycle in which the loan was  
9 made" is substituted for the former reference to the "next" election cycle for  
10 clarity.

11 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former phrase "if interest on a loan  
12 is not charged or is charged at a rate less than the prime rate" is deleted in  
13 light of the reference to "uncharged interest". Similarly, the former phrase  
14 referencing a contribution "that is subject to the reporting requirements  
15 and limitations of this subtitle" is deleted in light of the use of the defined  
16 term "contribution".

17 In subsections (c)(1)(v) and (d)(3)(ii) of this section, the references to the  
18 campaign finance report required "under Subtitle 3 of this title for the  
19 reporting period during which the loan was made" are substituted for the  
20 former references to the "appropriate campaign fund report" for clarity.

21 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
22 General Assembly, that former Art. 33, § 207(b)(3), revised as subsection  
23 (c)(2)(ii) of this section, seems to be inconsistent with subsection (a)(2)(ii) of  
24 this section, inasmuch as subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section treats, as a  
25 contribution, the amount of any outstanding principal balance on a loan at  
26 the end of the election cycle following the election cycle in which the loan  
27 was made.

28 As to the application of this section to a loan to the campaign finance  
29 entity of a candidate that has an outstanding balance on October 1, 2001,  
30 *see* § 2, Ch. 38, Acts of 2001.

31 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

32 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

33 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

34 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

35 **13-231. PERSONAL FUNDS -- USE BY CANDIDATE OR SPOUSE.**

36 **(A) CERTAIN USES NOT SUBJECT TO CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.**

37 **(1) CONTRIBUTIONS OR LOANS TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A**  
38 **CANDIDATE FROM THE PERSONAL FUNDS OF THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S**  
39 **SPOUSE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER § 13-226 OF THIS**  
40 **SUBTITLE.**



1           (2)     EXPENDITURES FROM PERSONAL FUNDS BY THE CANDIDATE OR  
2 THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES OF THE CANDIDATE FOR  
3 FILING FEES, TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, TRAVEL, AND FOOD ARE NOT  
4 CONTRIBUTIONS.

5     (B)     ACCOUNTING BY TREASURER REQUIRED.

6     A CONTRIBUTION OR LOAN TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE  
7 BY THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE SHALL PASS THROUGH THE  
8 HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF THE ENTITY AND BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE  
9 WITH SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
11 change from former Art. 33, § 13-207(a).

12     In subsections (a)(1) and (b) of this section, as to the references to a  
13 candidate's "campaign finance entity", *see* General Revisor's Note to this  
14 title and § 1-101 of this article.

15     In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "telecommunication  
16 services" is substituted for the former references to "telegrams" and  
17 "telephoning" to reflect current technology and terminology.

18     Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "[e]xpenditures  
19 from personal funds" is substituted for the former reference to "[p]ersonal  
20 expenses" for clarity and consistency with other provisions of this subtitle.

21     Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "food" is  
22 substituted for the former reference to "board" for clarity.

23 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

24     "Candidate" § 1-101

25     "Contribution" § 1-101

26     "Expenditure" § 1-101

27     "Treasurer" § 1-101

28 13-232. CONTRIBUTIONS -- WHEN DEEMED RECEIVED.

29     (A)     IN GENERAL.

30     EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRIBUTION  
31 IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ELECTION CYCLE IN WHICH IT IS RECEIVED.

32     (B)     CHECKS.

33     A CONTRIBUTION BY CHECK IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ELECTION CYCLE IN  
34 WHICH THE CHECK IS ISSUED.

35 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
36 change from former Art. 33, § 13-212(a)(3)(ii).

1 In this section, the former reference to "or transfer" is deleted as included  
2 in the defined term "contribution".

3 In subsection (a) of this section, the former phrase "[w]ithout regard to  
4 when a contribution or transfer is expended or used" is deleted as  
5 surplusage.

6 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the election cycle in which  
7 a check is "issued" is substituted for the former reference to the election  
8 cycle in which a check is "written or dated" for clarity.

9 Defined terms: "Contribution" § 1-101

10 "Election cycle" § 1-101

11 **13-233. RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL TO VOLUNTEER.**

12 THIS PART V OF THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT AFFECT THE RIGHT OF AN  
13 INDIVIDUAL TO:

14 (1) VOLUNTEER THE INDIVIDUAL'S TIME OR, FOR TRANSPORTATION  
15 INCIDENT TO AN ELECTION, PERSONAL VEHICLE; OR

16 (2) PAY REASONABLE LEGAL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH  
17 MAINTAINING OR CONTESTING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
19 change from former Art. 33, § 13-210(b)(2).

20 In the introductory language of this section, the former reference to  
21 "limit[ing]" rights is deleted as implicit in the reference to "affect[ing]"  
22 rights.

23 In item (1) of this section, the reference to an "individual" is substituted for  
24 the former reference to a "person" for clarity.

25 In item (2) of this section, the reference to "reasonable" legal expenses is  
26 substituted for the former reference to "proper" legal expenses for clarity.

27 Defined term: "Election" § 1-101

28 **13-234. RESERVED.**

29 **PART VI. CONTRIBUTIONS -- PROHIBITIONS.**

30 **13-235. DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.**

31 (A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

32 THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS:

33 (1) THE GOVERNOR;

- 1           (2)     **THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR;**  
2           (3)     **THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;**  
3           (4)     **THE COMPTROLLER; AND**  
4           (5)     **A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

5     **(B)     PROHIBITION.**

6     **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OR (D) OF THIS SECTION, DURING A**  
7 **REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN OFFICIAL DESCRIBED IN**  
8 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, OR A PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE**  
9 **OFFICIAL, MAY NOT, AS TO A CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL OFFICE,**  
10 **OR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF THE CANDIDATE:**

- 11           (1)     **RECEIVE A CONTRIBUTION;**  
12           (2)     **CONDUCT A FUND-RAISING EVENT;**  
13           (3)     **SOLICIT OR SELL A TICKET TO A FUND-RAISING EVENT; OR**  
14           (4)     **DEPOSIT OR OTHERWISE USE ANY CONTRIBUTION REGARDLESS OF**  
15 **WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.**

16     **(C)     EXCEPTION -- CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
17 **OFFICE.**

18     **AN OFFICIAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, OR A PERSON**  
19 **ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICIAL, IS NOT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION WHEN**  
20 **ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES SOLELY RELATED TO THE OFFICIAL'S ELECTION TO AN**  
21 **ELECTIVE FEDERAL OR LOCAL OFFICE FOR WHICH THE OFFICIAL IS A FILED**  
22 **CANDIDATE.**

23     **(D)     SAME -- CONTRIBUTION FROM FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND.**

24     **UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCING ACT, A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET, DURING THE**  
25 **YEAR OF THE ELECTION ONLY, MAY ACCEPT ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS**  
26 **AND ANY DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE STATE BOARD THAT IS BASED ON THE**  
27 **ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

28     **(E)     VIOLATIONS.**

29           (1)     **AS TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
30 **ENTITY OF THE OFFICIAL IN VIOLATION IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY AS**  
31 **PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.**

32           (2)     **THE STATE BOARD, REPRESENTED BY THE STATE PROSECUTOR, MAY**  
33 **INSTITUTE A CIVIL ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANY COUNTY SEEKING THE**  
34 **CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.**

1           (3)     A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A CONTRIBUTION AS  
2 A RESULT OF THE VIOLATION SHALL:

3                   (I)     REFUND THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTRIBUTOR; AND

4                   (II)    PAY A CIVIL PENALTY THAT EQUALS THE SUM OF \$1,000 PLUS  
5 THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTION.

6 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
7 change from former Art. 33, § 13-215.

8     Subsection (a) of this section is revised as a scope provision for clarity.

9     In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "officials" is added for  
10 clarity. Similarly, in subsection (e)(1) of this section, the word "official" is  
11 substituted for the former reference to a "person", which presumably could  
12 have included a person "acting on behalf of" the official.

13     In subsections (b) and (e)(1) and (3) of this section, the defined term  
14 "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former reference to a  
15 "committee", "political committee", and "authorized candidate campaign  
16 committee" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101  
17 of this article.

18     In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to conducting an  
19 event "to receive a contribution" is deleted as included in the reference to a  
20 "fund-raising event".

21     In subsection (b)(4) of this section, the injunction that certain persons may  
22 not deposit "or otherwise use" certain contributions is added for clarity to  
23 cover contributions other than money.

24     Also in subsection (b)(4) of this section, the phrase "regardless of when" is  
25 substituted for the former phrase "before the convening of the regular  
26 session" for clarity and accuracy.

27     In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to the "Public Financing Act"  
28 is substituted for the former reference to the "Fair Campaign Financing  
29 Act" to reflect the correct short title for the Act. *See* § 15-111 of this article.

30     Also in subsection (d) of this section, the term "gubernatorial ticket" is  
31 substituted for the former term "eligible candidate" for consistency with  
32 the terminology used in Title 15 of this article and because a gubernatorial  
33 ticket does not become an eligible ticket unless it first qualifies for that  
34 status under the Public Financing Act.

35     Also in subsection (d) of this section, the former reference to an eligible  
36 candidate that "has applied for and accepts a public contribution from the  
37 Fair Campaign Financing Fund" is deleted as surplusage.

1 In subsection (e)(3)(ii) of this section, the reference to a civil penalty "that  
2 equals the sum of \$1,000 plus" the amount of the contribution is  
3 substituted for the former reference to a civil penalty "of \$1,000 and the  
4 amount of the contribution" for clarity.

5 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
6 General Assembly, that former Art. 33, § 13-215(c), which is revised as  
7 subsection (e) of this section, is ambiguous. With regard to the fundraising  
8 activity of an elected official subject to this section, it is not clear whether  
9 the intent of the General Assembly was to provide that both the campaign  
10 finance entity of the elected official *and* the campaign finance entity that  
11 received the contribution be liable for the violation. If it was the intent of  
12 the General Assembly that *only* the campaign finance entity that received  
13 the suspect contribution be penalized, then the General Assembly may  
14 wish to repeal subsection (e)(1) of this section as surplusage. In addition, if  
15 it was intended that the campaign finance entity that received the  
16 contribution, the elected official, and the person acting on behalf of the  
17 official, be liable, then the General Assembly may wish to clarify that  
18 intent in subsection (e) of this section.

19 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

20 "Candidate" § 1-101

21 "Contribution" § 1-101

22 "Election" § 1-101

23 "State Board" § 1-101

24 **13-236. STATE FUNDED ENTITIES.**

25 AN ENTITY THAT AT ANY TIME DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE DERIVES THE  
26 MAJORITY OF ITS OPERATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE MAY NOT MAKE A  
27 CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY DURING THAT ELECTION  
28 CYCLE.

29 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
30 change from former Art. 33, § 13-212(c).

31 The phrase "make a contribution" is substituted for the former phrase  
32 "contribute any money or thing of value" for brevity and in light of the  
33 defined term "contribution". See § 1-101 of this article.

34 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
35 General Assembly, that former Art. 33, § 13-212(c), which is revised in this  
36 section, is ambiguous. For example, it is unclear whether it was the intent  
37 of the General Assembly to prohibit an entity that makes a contribution to  
38 a campaign finance entity in the first year of an election cycle from ever  
39 receiving the majority of its operating funds from the State during that  
40 election cycle. It is unclear whether the prohibition applies even if the  
41 entity does not know that it derives - or intends to derive - at the time the  
42 contribution is made, the majority of (or for that matter, any of) its

1 operating funds from the State. Alternatively, it may have been the intent  
2 of the General Assembly to prohibit the entity that derives the majority of  
3 its operating funds from the State from *thereafter* making a contribution to  
4 a campaign finance entity during any election cycle in which the entity  
5 derives the majority of its operating funds from the State. The General  
6 Assembly may wish to clarify this section.

7 **Defined term: "Contribution" § 1-101**

8 **13-237. RESERVED.**

9 **13-238. RESERVED.**

10 **PART VII. CONTRIBUTIONS -- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

11 **13-239. ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS -- IN GENERAL.**

12 **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-240 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
13 **ENTITY RECEIVES A CONTRIBUTION FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE, THE CAMPAIGN**  
14 **FINANCE ENTITY:**

15 (1) **MAY NOT USE THE CONTRIBUTION FOR ANY PURPOSE; AND**

16 (2) **SHALL REMIT THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE TREASURER.**

17 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
18 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-206(c).**

19 **In the introductory language of this section, the references to a "campaign**  
20 **finance entity" are substituted for the former references to "any treasurer**  
21 **or any subtreasurer, or other persons or committee" for brevity and clarity.**  
22 **See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

23 **In items (1) and (2) of this section, the defined term "contribution" is**  
24 **substituted for the former reference to "money or other thing of value" for**  
25 **clarity.**

26 **In item (1) of this section, the former prohibition against the use of an**  
27 **anonymous contribution for a "political" purpose is deleted as implicit in**  
28 **the requirement, in item (2) of this section, that the campaign finance**  
29 **entity remit the contribution to the State Treasurer.**

30 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

31 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

32 **13-240. SAME -- MONEY RECEIVED FROM GAMING ACTIVITY.**

33 (A) **SCOPE.**

1 THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A SPIN OR CHANCE ON A PADDLE WHEEL OR WHEEL  
2 OF FORTUNE THAT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE TO OPERATE  
3 AT A CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING EVENT.

4 (B) IN GENERAL.

5 NOTWITHSTANDING § 13-239 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY OTHER LAW THAT  
6 PROHIBITS AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION, A POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT,  
7 AND NEED NOT IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL DONOR IN ITS ACCOUNT BOOK, THE  
8 MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF A SPIN OR CHANCE IF:

9 (1) THE ACCOUNT BOOK OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE INCLUDES:

10 (I) THE NET AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
11 AT THE EVENT AT WHICH THE SALE WAS MADE; AND

12 (II) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO  
13 ATTENDED THE EVENT;

14 (2) NO SPIN OR CHANCE IS SOLD AT THE EVENT FOR MORE THAN \$2;

15 (3) THE NET INCOME OF THE SPONSORING POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
16 FROM SPINS AND CHANCES AT THE EVENT DOES NOT EXCEED \$1,500 IN A 24-HOUR  
17 PERIOD; AND

18 (4) THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF THE SPONSORING POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
19 FROM SPINS AND CHANCES IN THAT ELECTION DO NOT EXCEED \$2,500.

20 (C) PROCEEDS IN EXCESS OF LIMITS.

21 IF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE RAISES FUNDS IN EXCESS OF A LIMIT SPECIFIED IN  
22 THIS SECTION, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL:

23 (1) DONATE THE EXCESS TO A CHARITY OF ITS CHOICE; OR

24 (2) IDENTIFY IN ITS ACCOUNT BOOK THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM  
25 EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED A SPIN OR CHANCE.

26 (D) REGULATIONS.

27 THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
29 change from former Art. 33, § 13-206(a)(3) through (5).

30 In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the former  
31 reference to a "regulation" is deleted as included in the reference to "law".

32 Also in the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the  
33 reference to a "political committee" is substituted for the former reference  
34 to a "treasurer or subtreasurer" for consistency with the terminology in

1 this section. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title.

2 In subsection (b)(3) and (4) of this section, the former references to a  
3 "partisan organization" are deleted as included in the defined term  
4 "political committee". *See* § 1-101 of this article.

5 In subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to "receiv[ing]  
6 contributions" is deleted in light of the reference to "rais[ing] funds".

7 As to the laws of the State governing gaming activity authorized under this  
8 section, *see* Titles 12 and 13 of the Criminal Law Article (former Art. 27, §§  
9 261C, 261C-1, and 261D).

10 **Defined terms: "Contribution" § 1-101**

11 **"Political committee" § 1-101**

12 **"State Board" § 1-101**

13 **13-241. EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.**

14 **(A) DEFINITIONS.**

15 **(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
16 **INDICATED.**

17 **(2) "AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL**  
18 **COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH AN EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY.**

19 **(3) "EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION**  
20 **WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES EMPLOYEES OF AN EMPLOYER.**

21 **(B) IN GENERAL.**

22 **(1) AN EMPLOYER MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR COLLECTING FROM**  
23 **EMPLOYEES BY MEANS OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO**  
24 **ONE OR MORE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES SELECTED BY THE EMPLOYER.**

25 **(2) IF AN EMPLOYER WITHHOLDS FROM EMPLOYEES BY PAYROLL**  
26 **DEDUCTION THE EMPLOYEES' DUES TO AN EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY, THE**  
27 **EMPLOYEES MAY CONTRIBUTE BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION TO AN AFFILIATED**  
28 **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.**

29 **(C) SEPARATE ACCOUNT.**

30 **PERIODIC CONTRIBUTIONS COLLECTED BY PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PURSUANT**  
31 **TO A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE**  
32 **COMBINED AND ACCUMULATED IN A SEGREGATED ESCROW ACCOUNT MAINTAINED**  
33 **SOLELY FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

34 **(D) RECORDS.**



1           (1)     AN EMPLOYER SHALL KEEP DETAILED AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF  
2 ALL PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION,  
3 INCLUDING:

- 4                   (I)     THE NAME OF EACH CONTRIBUTOR;  
5                   (II)    THE DATE ON WHICH EACH CONTRIBUTION IS WITHHELD;  
6                   (III)   THE AMOUNT OF EACH CONTRIBUTION; AND  
7                   (IV)   THE DISPOSITION OF THE AMOUNTS WITHHELD.

8           (2)     AN AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION  
9 WITH ITS EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY AND THE EMPLOYER, SHALL KEEP  
10 DETAILED AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS THAT INCLUDE  
11 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION,  
12 INCLUDING:

- 13                   (I)     THE NAME OF EACH CONTRIBUTOR;  
14                   (II)    THE DATE ON WHICH EACH PAYROLL DEDUCTION WAS MADE;  
15                   (III)   THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EACH PAYROLL DEDUCTION;  
16                   (IV)   THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION THAT  
17 CONSTITUTED A CONTRIBUTION;  
18                   (V)     THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE RECEIVED  
19 BY THE EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY OR THE AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION  
20 COMMITTEE OR BOTH; AND  
21                   (VI)   THE DISPOSITION OF THE AMOUNTS WITHHELD.

22       (E)     TRANSMITTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS -- EMPLOYER PROGRAM.

23     WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF BEING WITHHELD, A CONTRIBUTION UNDER  
24 SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED, WITH THE  
25 INFORMATION RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION, TO A  
26 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

27       (F)     SAME -- EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITIES.

28           (1)     WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF BEING WITHHELD, A CONTRIBUTION UNDER  
29 SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE AFFILIATED  
30 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OR THE EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY,  
31 TOGETHER WITH:

- 32                   (I)     THE INFORMATION RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(I)  
33 AND (II) OF THIS SECTION; AND

1 (II) AT THE EMPLOYER'S DISCRETION, THE INFORMATION  
2 RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (2) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A CONTRIBUTION UNDER THIS  
4 SUBSECTION, AN EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY SHALL TRANSMIT THE  
5 CONTRIBUTION TO ITS AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, TOGETHER  
6 WITH:

7 (I) THE INFORMATION RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(I)  
8 AND (II) OF THIS SECTION THAT IS RECEIVED FROM THE EMPLOYER; AND

9 (II) ANY INFORMATION RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(III)  
10 THROUGH (V) OF THIS SECTION THAT IS RECEIVED FROM THE EMPLOYER.

11 (G) SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS.

12 IN SOLICITING AN EMPLOYEE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION BY PAYROLL  
13 DEDUCTION, AN EMPLOYER OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL INFORM THE  
14 EMPLOYEE OF:

15 (1) THE POLITICAL PURPOSES OF THE AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION  
16 COMMITTEE; AND

17 (2) THE EMPLOYEE'S RIGHT TO REFUSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
18 AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE WITHOUT REPRISAL.

19 (H) PROHIBITED ACTS.

20 AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT RECEIVE OR USE MONEY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE  
21 UNDER THIS SECTION IF IT IS OBTAINED:

22 (1) BY ACTUAL OR THREATENED:

23 (I) PHYSICAL FORCE;

24 (II) JOB DISCRIMINATION; OR

25 (III) FINANCIAL REPRISAL; OR

26 (2) AS:

27 (I) A RESULT OF A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION; OR

28 (II) DUES, FEES, OR OTHER ASSESSMENT REQUIRED AS A  
29 CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR ORGANIZATION OR EMPLOYMENT.

30 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for  
31 clarity.

32 Subsections (b) through (h) of this section are new language derived  
33 without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-211.

1 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to an "escrow" account is  
2 added for clarity.

3 Also in subsection (c) of this section, the phrase "maintained solely for that  
4 purpose" is added for clarity.

5 Also in subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to a "separate"  
6 account is deleted as redundant in light of the reference to a "segregated"  
7 escrow account.

8 In the introductory language of subsection (d)(1) of this section, the former  
9 requirement that an employer or political action committee "maintain"  
10 detailed, full, and accurate records is deleted as duplicative of the  
11 requirement to "keep" the records. Similarly, the former requirements that  
12 an employer or political action committee keep "full" records is deleted in  
13 light of the requirement to keep "detailed and accurate" records.

14 Also in the introductory language of subsection (d)(1) of this section, the  
15 former reference to withholding "from an employee's paycheck" is deleted  
16 in light of the reference to "payroll deductions". Similarly, in subsection  
17 (d)(2)(ii) of this section, the former reference to "employee member's  
18 payroll check" is deleted.

19 In subsection (d)(2)(iv) of this section, the phrase "the amount of the  
20 payroll deduction that constituted a" contribution is added for clarity.

21 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
22 General Assembly, that subsection (d)(2)(vi) of this section is ambiguous in  
23 that it is unclear as to the identity of the person being referenced with  
24 regard to the disposition of money that is withheld (*i.e.*, the affiliated  
25 political action committee?; the employee membership entity?).

26 In subsection (e) of this section, the cross-reference to "subsection (d)(1) of  
27 this section" is substituted for the former erroneous cross-reference to  
28 "subsection (b)(2)" for accuracy. The former cross-reference should have  
29 been "subsection (b)(1)".

30 Also in subsection (e) of this section, the reference to the defined term  
31 "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former references to a  
32 "treasurer or subtreasurer, in their official capacity, of a candidate or a  
33 political committee, including a political action committee affiliated with  
34 the employer". *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this  
35 article.

36 In subsection (f) of this section, the former reference to "account" is deleted  
37 as included in the reference to "affiliated political action committee".

38 In the introductory language of subsection (h) of this section, the phrase  
39 "under this section" is substituted for the former phrase "[f]or purposes of  
40 a payroll deduction for any contribution" for clarity.

1 Also in the introductory language of subsection (h) of this section, the  
2 former reference to "accumulate [or] transfer" money or anything of value  
3 is deleted in light of the reference to "receive".

4 In subsection (h)(2)(ii) of this section, the reference to dues, fees, or other  
5 "assessment" is substituted for the former reference to "money" for clarity.

6 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
7 General Assembly, that neither the notice requirements under subsection  
8 (g) of this section, nor the prohibitions under subsection (h) of this section,  
9 apply to an employee membership entity. This seems somewhat  
10 anomalous.

11 **Defined terms: "Affiliated political action committee" § 13-241**

12 **"Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

13 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

14 **"Employee membership entity" § 13-241**

15 **"Political action committee" § 1-101**

16 **13-242. COLLECTIONS BY MEMBERSHIP ENTITIES.**

17 **(A) DEFINITIONS.**

18 **(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
19 **INDICATED.**

20 **(2) "MEMBERSHIP ENTITY" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT COLLECTS**  
21 **DUES FROM ITS MEMBERS.**

22 **(3) "AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL**  
23 **COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH A MEMBERSHIP ENTITY.**

24 **(B) COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

25 **A MEMBERSHIP ENTITY MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR PERIODICALLY**  
26 **COLLECTING FROM ITS MEMBERS AND ACCUMULATING VOLUNTARY**  
27 **CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE MEMBERS TO AN AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION**  
28 **COMMITTEE IF THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE COLLECTED TOGETHER WITH:**

29 **(1) MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICED AND COLLECTED BY THE**  
30 **MEMBERSHIP ENTITY; OR**

31 **(2) CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE MEMBERS TO A POLITICAL ACTION**  
32 **COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER FEDERAL LAW, IF THAT POLITICAL ACTION**  
33 **COMMITTEE IS ALSO AFFILIATED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY.**

34 **(C) RECORD KEEPING.**

1 A MEMBERSHIP ENTITY SHALL KEEP DETAILED AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF  
2 ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,  
3 INCLUDING:

- 4 (1) THE NAME OF EACH CONTRIBUTOR;
  - 5 (2) THE DATE ON WHICH EACH CONTRIBUTION WAS RECEIVED;
  - 6 (3) THE AMOUNT OF EACH CONTRIBUTION; AND
  - 7 (4) THE DISPOSITION OF THE AMOUNTS HELD.
- 8 (D) TRANSMITTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

9 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF BEING RECEIVED, A CONTRIBUTION UNDER THIS SECTION  
10 SHALL BE TRANSMITTED, WITH THE INFORMATION RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION  
11 (C)(1), (2), AND (3) OF THIS SECTION, TO ITS AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION  
12 COMMITTEE.

13 (E) SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS.

14 IN SOLICITING A MEMBER, BY JOINT INVOICE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES OR FOR A  
15 CONTRIBUTION TO AN AFFILIATED FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, TO  
16 MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ITS AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, A  
17 MEMBERSHIP ENTITY SHALL INFORM THE MEMBER OF:

18 (1) THE POLITICAL PURPOSES OF THE AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION  
19 COMMITTEE; AND

20 (2) THE MEMBER'S RIGHT TO REFUSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
21 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE WITHOUT REPRISAL.

22 (F) PROHIBITED ACTS.

23 AN EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP ENTITY OR ITS AFFILIATED POLITICAL ACTION  
24 COMMITTEE ENTITY MAY NOT RECEIVE OR USE MONEY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE  
25 UNDER THIS SECTION IF IT IS OBTAINED:

26 (1) BY ACTUAL OR THREATENED:

27 (I) PHYSICAL FORCE;

28 (II) MEMBERSHIP DISCRIMINATION; OR

29 (III) FINANCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL REPRISAL; OR

30 (2) AS DUES, FEES, OR OTHER ASSESSMENT REQUIRED AS A CONDITION  
31 OF MEMBERSHIP.

32 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for  
33 clarity.

1 Subsections (b) through (f) of this section are new language derived  
2 without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-211.1.

3 In subsection (c) of this section, the former requirement that an affiliated  
4 entity "maintain" detailed, full, and accurate records is deleted as  
5 duplicative of the requirement to "keep" the records. Similarly, the former  
6 requirement that an affiliated entity keep "full" records is deleted in light  
7 of the requirement that the affiliated entity keep "detailed" records.

8 In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to "subsection (c)(1), (2), and  
9 (3) of this section" is substituted for the former reference to "subsection (b)  
10 of this section" for clarity and accuracy.

11 In the introductory language of subsection (f) of this section, the former  
12 reference to "accumulate, transfer," is deleted in light of the reference to  
13 "receive".

14 Subsection (f) of this section omits the prohibition against an employer  
15 receiving or using money or anything of value that is obtained as a result  
16 of a commercial transaction, while § 13-241(h)(2)(i) of this subtitle  
17 encompasses such a prohibition.

18 In subsection (f)(2) of this section, the reference to dues, fees, or other  
19 "assessment" is substituted for the former reference to "money" for clarity.

20 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
21 General Assembly, that subsection (f) of this section is not parallel to the  
22 similar prohibitions under § 13-241(h) of this subtitle.

23 **Defined terms: "Affiliated political action committee" § 13-242**

24 "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

25 "Contribution" § 1-101

26 "Membership entity" § 13-242

27 "Political action committee" § 1-101

28 **13-243. RESERVED.**

29 **13-244. RESERVED.**

30 **PART VIII. EXPENDITURES -- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

31 **13-245. PROHIBITED EXPENDITURES.**

32 **(A) DEFINITIONS.**

33 **IN THIS SECTION, "WALK-AROUND SERVICES" MEANS THE FOLLOWING**  
34 **ACTIVITIES IF PERFORMED FOR MONEY WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN:**

35 **(1) DISTRIBUTING CAMPAIGN MATERIAL;**

1           (2)     **STATIONING A PERSON, INCLUDING ONESELF, OR AN OBJECT IN THE**  
2 **PATH OF A VOTER;**

3           (3)     **ELECTIONEERING OR CANVASSING AS DESCRIBED IN § 16-206 OF**  
4 **THIS ARTICLE;**

5           (4)     **COMMUNICATING IN ANY OTHER MANNER A VOTING PREFERENCE**  
6 **OR CHOICE; OR**

7           (5)     **PERFORMING ANY OTHER SERVICE AS A POLL WORKER OR**  
8 **DISTRIBUTOR OF SAMPLE BALLOTS.**

9     **(B)     SCOPE.**

10    **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

11           (1)     **MEALS, BEVERAGES, AND REFRESHMENTS SERVED TO CAMPAIGN**  
12 **WORKERS;**

13           (2)     **SALARIES OF REGULARLY EMPLOYED PERSONNEL IN CAMPAIGN**  
14 **HEADQUARTERS;**

15           (3)     **MEDIA ADVERTISING, INCLUDING NEWSPAPER, RADIO, TELEVISION,**  
16 **BILLBOARD, OR AERIAL ADVERTISING;**

17           (4)     **RENT AND REGULAR OFFICE EXPENSES; OR**

18           (5)     **THE COST OF TELEPHONING VOTERS OR TRANSPORTING VOTERS TO**  
19 **AND FROM POLLING PLACES.**

20    **(C)     PROHIBITION.**

21    **A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, OR A PERSON ACTING ON ITS BEHALF, MAY NOT**  
22 **AT ANY TIME, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PAY OR INCUR AN OBLIGATION TO PAY, AND**  
23 **A PERSON MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, RECEIVE ANY MONEY OR THING OF**  
24 **VALUE, FOR:**

25           (1)     **A POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT; OR**

26           (2)     **WALK-AROUND SERVICES.**

27 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
28 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-209.**

29 **In subsection (a) of this section, the former references to activities**  
30 **performed "on the day of the election" are deleted in light of the reference**  
31 **to activities performed "while the polls are open".**

32 **In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to distributing**  
33 **campaign material to "any person" is deleted as surplusage.**

1 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to stationing a person  
2 "including oneself" in the path of a voter is added for clarity.

3 In subsection (a)(4) of this section, the reference to walk-around services  
4 as including communicating a voting preference in any "other" manner is  
5 added for clarity.

6 In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the former reference to media  
7 advertising as including "but not limited to" certain communication  
8 methods is deleted as unnecessary in light of Art. 1, § 30.

9 In subsection (c) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance entity"  
10 is substituted for the former references to "candidate, slate of candidates,  
11 political committee, [or] political party" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's  
12 Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

13 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

14 "Sample ballot" § 1-101

15 **13-246. PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT OF MONEY DUE.**

16 A PERSON WHO CLAIMS THAT MONEY IS DUE FROM A CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
17 ENTITY SHALL PRESENT A CLAIM FOR PAYMENT TO THE TREASURER OR  
18 SUBTREASURER NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE  
19 LIABILITY WAS INCURRED.

20 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
21 change from former Art. 33, § 13-205(b).

22 The reference to a claim that money is due from a "campaign finance  
23 entity" is substituted for the former reference to money owing by a  
24 "treasurer or subtreasurer" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this  
25 title and § 1-101 of this article.

26 The reference to a "claim for payment" is substituted for the former  
27 reference to a "statement" to avoid confusion with the defined term  
28 "campaign finance report". *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and §  
29 1-101 of this article.

30 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

31 "Election" § 1-101

32 "Treasurer" § 1-101

33 **13-247. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS FUNDS.**

34 AFTER ALL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN MADE AND BEFORE FILING  
35 A FINAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE, ANY  
36 REMAINING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL BE  
37 RETURNED PRO RATA TO THE CONTRIBUTORS OR PAID TO:



1           (1)     **IF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IS A PERSONAL TREASURER OR**  
 2 **A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE OR ACT FOR A**  
 3 **POLITICAL PARTY:**

4                    (I)     **THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY:**

5                            1.     **OF WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS A MEMBER; OR**

6                            2.     **FOR WHICH THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS ACTING;**

7                    (II)    **THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY:**

8                            1.     **OF WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS A MEMBER IN A COUNTY IN**  
 9 **WHICH THE CANDIDATE RESIDES OR WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKS TO REPRESENT;**  
 10 **OR**

11                           2.     **FOR WHICH THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS ACTING;**

12                    (III)   **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A COUNTY IN WHICH THE**  
 13 **CANDIDATE RESIDES OR WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKS TO REPRESENT;**

14            (2)     **A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES OR FUNDS**  
 15 **FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUPILS OR TEACHERS;**

16            (3)     **A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTERED OR EXEMPT FROM**  
 17 **REGISTRATION UNDER THE MARYLAND CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS ACT; OR**

18            (4)     **A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE**  
 19 **STATE IF:**

20                    (I)     **THAT INSTITUTION POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**  
 21 **FROM THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND**

22                    (II)    **THE PAYMENT IS DESIGNATED FOR USE BY THE INSTITUTION**  
 23 **SOLELY TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, OR LOANS TO STUDENTS ATTENDING**  
 24 **THE INSTITUTION.**

25 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
 26 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-206(d).**

27 **In the introductory language of this section, the phrase "remaining**  
 28 **balance" is substituted for the former reference to "surplus funds" for**  
 29 **clarity.**

30 **Also in the introductory language of this section, as to the substitution of**  
 31 **the defined term "campaign finance report" for the former reference to a**  
 32 **"report", see General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

33 **The introductory language to item (1) of this section is new language added**  
 34 **for clarity.**

1 In item (1)(iii) of this section, the reference to the board of education "of a  
2 county in which the candidate resides or which the candidate seeks to  
3 represent" is substituted for the former reference to the "local board of  
4 education" for clarity.

5 In item (2) of this section, the former reference to a "recognized" nonprofit  
6 organization is deleted because the term is not tied to any meaningful,  
7 definable standard.

8 In item (4)(ii) of this section, the reference to money transferred to an  
9 institution for payments "designated for use by the institution solely" for  
10 financial aid is substituted for the former reference to money transferred  
11 "to be used by that institution" for financial aid for clarity.

12 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

13 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

14 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

15 **"Expenditure" § 1-101**

16 **"Political committee" § 1-101**

17 **"Political party" § 1-101**

18 **SUBTITLE 3. GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

19 **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

20 **13-301. APPLICATION.**

21 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE PROVISIONS THAT APPLY TO A "CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
22 **ENTITY" ALSO APPLY TO A CAMPAIGN ENTITY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE STATE WITH**  
23 **REGARD TO ALL EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE STATE.**

24 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
25 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(h) and the second sentence of §  
26 13-202(b).

27 The defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
28 references to "any committees" and "all committees and treasurers for  
29 candidates for public or party office" for brevity and consistency with the  
30 other provisions of this title. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and §  
31 1-101 of this article.

32 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

33 **"Expenditure" § 1-101**

1 13-302. RESERVED.

2 13-303. RESERVED.

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**PART II. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

4 13-304. REPORTS TO THE STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL BOARD.

5 (A) REQUIREMENT.

6 FROM THE DATE OF ITS ORGANIZATION UNTIL ITS TERMINATION UNDER THE  
7 PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, EXCEPT A POLITICAL  
8 CLUB, SHALL FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AT THE TIMES, FOR THE PERIODS,  
9 AND AT THE LOCATIONS REQUIRED BY §§ 13-309, 13-312, AND 13-315 OF THIS  
10 SUBTITLE.

11 (B) CONTENT.

12 A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILED BY A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY UNDER  
13 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY  
14 THE STATE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND ALL  
15 EXPENDITURES MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY  
16 DURING THE DESIGNATED REPORTING PERIOD.

17 (C) CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES.

18 A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE  
19 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED WHETHER OR NOT:

20 (1) THE CANDIDATE FILES A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY;

21 (2) THE CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS, DECLINES A NOMINATION, OR  
22 OTHERWISE CEASES TO BE A CANDIDATE;

23 (3) THE CANDIDATE'S NAME APPEARS ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT; OR

24 (4) THE CANDIDATE IS SUCCESSFUL IN THE ELECTION.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (c)(2) through (4) of this section are  
26 new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §  
27 13-401(a), (d)(1), and (e), as they related to the requirement that campaign  
28 finance entities file certain campaign finance reports.

29 Subsection (c)(1) of this section is new language added for clarity and  
30 completeness because, under current law, an individual may be deemed a  
31 "candidate" even though the individual may never actually file a certificate  
32 of candidacy. *See* § 1-101 of this article.

33 Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report" is  
34 added. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title.

1 In subsection (a) of this section, the clause "[f]rom the date of its  
2 organization until its termination under the provisions of this title" is  
3 added for clarity.

4 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
5 entity" is substituted for the former references to "candidate", "treasurer",  
6 "chairman and ... treasurer", and "chairmen and ... treasurers" for clarity  
7 and consistency with the other provisions of this title. *See* General  
8 Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

9 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to a candidate  
10 "for nomination or election to public or party office," is deleted. *See* General  
11 Revisor's Note to this title.

12 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the "designated reporting  
13 period" is substituted for the former reference to the period "through and  
14 including the seventh day immediately preceding the day by which that  
15 report is to be filed" in light of the revision of the designated reporting  
16 periods under § 13-312 of this subtitle.

17 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former references to contributions  
18 and expenditures "by the candidate himself or, with the knowledge of the  
19 candidate, by any other person or groups of persons" and to a "complete"  
20 campaign report are deleted in light of the reference to "all" contributions  
21 received and expenditures made "by or on behalf of" the campaign finance  
22 entity.

23 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the reference to a candidate who  
24 "declines a nomination" is added for clarity and consistency with the other  
25 provisions of this article.

26 Also in subsection (c)(2) of this section, the reference to a candidate who  
27 "otherwise ceases to be a candidate" is added for clarity and to  
28 acknowledge the possibility that a candidate may die or be disqualified.  
29 *See* Title 5 of this article.

30 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

31 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

32 "Contribution" § 1-101

33 "Expenditure" § 1-101

34 "State Board" § 1-101

35 **13-305. EXCEPTIONS TO FILING REQUIREMENTS.**

36 (A) **PERSONAL TREASURER -- LIMITED FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY.**

37 (1) **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CAMPAIGN**  
38 **FINANCE ENTITY THAT IS A PERSONAL TREASURER IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE THE**  
39 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS PRESCRIBED BY § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE**  
40 **RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS FILE AN AFFIDAVIT:**

1 (I) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY WHEN THE FIRST CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
2 REPORT IS DUE; AND

3 (II) STATING THAT THE PERSONAL TREASURER ACCOUNT DOES  
4 NOT INTEND EITHER TO RAISE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF  
5 \$1,000 OR MORE OR, EXCLUSIVE OF THE FILING FEE, MAKE EXPENDITURES IN THE  
6 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 OR MORE.

7 (2) IF THE PERSONAL TREASURER ACCOUNT RECEIVES CUMULATIVE  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$1,000 OR MORE OR MAKES CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES OF  
9 \$1,000 OR MORE, THE PERSONAL TREASURER ACCOUNT SHALL FILE ALL  
10 SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (3) A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION CONSTITUTES  
12 A FAILURE TO FILE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, AND THE RESPONSIBLE  
13 OFFICERS ARE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION ARE SUBJECT TO  
14 THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED UNDER PART VII OF THIS TITLE.

15 (B) CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE -- NO FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY.

16 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN AN ELECTION  
17 YEAR A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE THE  
18 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS PRESCRIBED BY § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE  
19 RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS FILE AN AFFIDAVIT:

20 (I) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY WHEN THE FIRST CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
21 REPORT IS DUE; AND

22 (II) STATING THAT THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE,  
23 WITH RESPECT TO EACH ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THAT YEAR:

24 1. HAS NOT RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS OR MADE  
25 EXPENDITURES SINCE THE CLOSING DATE OF ITS LAST CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
26 REPORT; AND

27 2. DOES NOT INTEND TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OR  
28 MAKE EXPENDITURES.

29 (2) THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL FILE THE  
30 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 13-309(A)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

31 (3) IF THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECEIVES  
32 CONTRIBUTIONS OR MAKES EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH AN ELECTION IN  
33 THAT YEAR, THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL:

34 (I) NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS; AND

35 (II) FILE ALL SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS  
36 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

1           (4)     **A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A FAILURE**  
 2 **TO FILE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY, AND THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS ARE**  
 3 **GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION ARE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES**  
 4 **PRESCRIBED UNDER PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

5 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
 6 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(a)(8) and (d)(2).**

7     **Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report[s]" is**  
 8 **substituted for the former references to "form prescribed by the State**  
 9 **Board", a "report", "reports", "scheduled reports", and "annual reports". See**  
 10 **General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

11     **Also throughout this section, the defined term "continuing political**  
 12 **committee" is substituted for the former references to "political committee**  
 13 **which continues in existence from year to year". See General Revisor's**  
 14 **Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

15     **In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to using the "form**  
 16 **prescribed by the State Board" is deleted as included in the defined term**  
 17 **"campaign finance report". See § 1-101 of this article.**

18     **In subsections (a)(3) and (b)(4) of this section, the references to the**  
 19 **penalties prescribed under "Part VII" of this title are added for clarity and**  
 20 **to make the provisions regarding a show cause order under § 13-335 of**  
 21 **this subtitle applicable under this section, which presumably is the intent**  
 22 **of the General Assembly.**

23     **In subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the former requirement that the**  
 24 **"State Administrator" prescribe the form of an affidavit by regulation is**  
 25 **deleted for consistency with § 2-202 of this article which grants general**  
 26 **rulemaking authority under the State election laws to the State Board.**

27     **In subsection (b)(1)(ii)1 of this section, the reference to "receiv[ing]**  
 28 **contributions or mak[ing] expenditures" is substituted for the former**  
 29 **reference to "raising or spending money" for clarity and accuracy.**

30     **In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the former reference to a notice "that**  
 31 **the committee has resumed receiving contributions or making**  
 32 **expenditures" is deleted as surplusage.**

33     **In subsection (b)(4) of this section, the reference to a "misdemeanor" is**  
 34 **added for clarity and as implicit in the reference in former Art. 33, §**  
 35 **13-401(d)(2)(iii) to the "penalties prescribed in §§ 13-402 and 13-403 of**  
 36 **this subtitle".**

37 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

38     **"Continuing political committee" § 1-101**

39     **"Contribution" § 1-101**

40     **"Election" § 1-101**

1 "Expenditure" § 1-101

2 "Responsible officer" § 1-101

3 "State Board" § 1-101

4 **13-306. REPORTS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES OF CANDIDATES.**

5 (A) REQUIREMENT.

6 REGARDLESS OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH A POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS  
7 FORMED, IF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SPENDS \$51 OR  
8 MORE TO AID OR OPPOSE THE NOMINATION OR ELECTION OF A CANDIDATE, A  
9 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
10 SECTION.

11 (B) FORM AND SUBMISSION.

12 THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

13 (1) SIGNED BY:

14 (I) THE TREASURER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OTHER THAN A  
15 POLITICAL CLUB; OR

16 (II) AN OFFICER OF A POLITICAL CLUB; AND

17 (2) SUBMITTED TO THE TREASURER OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
18 ENTITY THAT WAS AIDED.

19 (C) DUTY OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY RECEIVING STATEMENT.

20 A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT  
21 SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL FILE THAT REPORT WITH THE CAMPAIGN  
22 FINANCE REPORT IT FILES UNDER § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

23 (D) POLITICAL CLUB -- LIMITATION.

24 THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A POLITICAL CLUB TO REPORT ANY  
25 EXPENDITURE OTHER THAN A CONTRIBUTION OF MONEY TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
26 ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE.

27 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
28 change from former Art. 33, § 13-202(b).

29 Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report" is  
30 substituted for the former reference to a "statement of contributions and  
31 expenditures". Similarly, in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the  
32 defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
33 reference to a "committee", "treasurer of the committee", and "treasurer of  
34 the candidate". See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this  
35 article and, in subsection (d) of this section, the reference to a "campaign  
36 finance entity" of a candidate is added because all campaign finance

1 activity must be conducted through a campaign finance entity. *See* §  
2 13-202 of this title.

3 The former requirement governing a political committee "located outside of  
4 the State of Maryland" is revised in § 13-301 of this subtitle.

5 In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "a political committee" is  
6 substituted for the former reference to "committees" for clarity.

7 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to the duty of the "campaign  
8 finance entity" to file a certain campaign finance report is substituted for  
9 the former reference to the duty of the "treasurer" for clarity and  
10 consistency with the other provisions of this subtitle.

11 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
12 General Assembly, that, based on information from the State Board, the  
13 requirement under this section, that the specified entities submit a  
14 campaign finance report to the campaign finance entity aided by the  
15 contributions or expenditures, is generally ignored. The Election Law  
16 Article Review Committee calls this practice to the attention of the  
17 General Assembly.

18 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

19 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

20 "Candidate" § 1-101

21 "Election" § 1-101

22 "Political committee" § 1-101

23 "Treasurer" § 1-101

24 **13-307. RESERVED.**

25 **13-308. RESERVED.**

26 **PART III. DEADLINES AND REPORTING PERIODS.**

27 **13-309. FILING DEADLINES -- IN GENERAL.**

28 **(A) FILING SCHEDULE -- ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES.**

29 **SUBJECT TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
30 **ENTITY SHALL FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

31 **(1) EXCEPT FOR A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE, ON OR BEFORE THE**  
32 **FOURTH TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A PRIMARY ELECTION;**

33 **(2) EXCEPT FOR A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE, ON OR BEFORE THE**  
34 **SECOND FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AN ELECTION; AND**

35 **(3) ON OR BEFORE THE THIRD TUESDAY AFTER A GENERAL ELECTION.**



1 (B) ADDITIONAL DEADLINES -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES OTHER THAN  
2 CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

3 (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CONTINUING POLITICAL  
4 COMMITTEE.

5 (2) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IS SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF  
6 THIS SECTION AND THIS SUBSECTION ONLY AS TO THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE  
7 ENTITY WAS FORMED.

8 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS REQUIRED  
9 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, BUT SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS  
10 SUBSECTION, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
11 REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

12 (I) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY THAT IS 6 MONTHS AFTER THE  
13 GENERAL ELECTION;

14 (II) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY THAT IS 1 YEAR AFTER THE GENERAL  
15 ELECTION; AND

16 (III) ANNUALLY ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN  
17 NOVEMBER.

18 (4) IF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY HAS NEITHER A CASH BALANCE  
19 NOR AN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATION AT THE END OF A REPORTING PERIOD, A  
20 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FOR THAT PERIOD, CLEARLY MARKED AS "FINAL",  
21 SHALL BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE, AND NO FURTHER REPORT IS  
22 REQUIRED.

23 (C) SAME -- CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

24 IN ADDITION TO THE CAMPAIGN REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)  
25 OF THIS SECTION, A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE, IN A YEAR WITHOUT A  
26 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, SHALL FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT ON OR  
27 BEFORE THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
29 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(b), (a)(1) through (7), (d)(1), and the  
30 first sentence of (e).

31 Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report[s]" is  
32 substituted for the former reference to "reports" and "report or statement"  
33 for clarity. See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this  
34 article. Similarly, the reference to a "campaign finance entity" is added.

35 In subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section, the phrase "except for a ballot  
36 issue committee" is added for clarity and consistency with the practice of  
37 the State Board.

1 In subsection (b)(3)(iii) of this section, the reference to the filing of a  
2 campaign report on "the Tuesday after the first Monday in November" is  
3 substituted for the former reference to "annually on the anniversary of the  
4 general election" and "on November 8 of each year" for clarity and for  
5 consistency with other provisions of this subtitle and to harmonize the  
6 similar reporting dates in former § 13-401(a)(6) and (b)(1). Similarly, in  
7 subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a filing "on or before the  
8 Tuesday after the first Monday in November" is substituted for the former  
9 reference to "the anniversary of the date of the last general election" for  
10 clarity, consistency, and certainty.

11 In subsection (b)(4) of this section, the phrase "and no further report is  
12 required" is added for clarity and certainty.

13 **Defined terms: "Ballot issue committee" § 1-101**

14 **"Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

15 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

16 **"Continuing political committee" § 1-101**

17 **"Election" § 1-101**

18 **13-310. SAME -- FINAL REPORT REQUIRED.**

19 **(A) APPLICABILITY.**

20 **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL**  
21 **IF:**

22 **(1) THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A FILED CANDIDATE OR THE INCUMBENT IN**  
23 **ANY OFFICE FILLED BY AN ELECTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE; AND**

24 **(2) THE ENTITY HAS FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE PAYMENT OF ALL**  
25 **OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS.**

26 **(B) REQUIREMENT.**

27 **A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL TERMINATE AND FILE A FINAL**  
28 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WITHIN 8 YEARS AFTER THE LATEST OF:**

29 **(1) THE END OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S MOST RECENT TERM OF OFFICE;**

30 **(2) THE DATE OF THE ELECTION IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL LAST WAS A**  
31 **FILED CANDIDATE; AND**

32 **(3) THE PAYMENT OF THE FINAL DEBT OR OTHER OBLIGATION OF THE**  
33 **ENTITY THAT WAS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THAT CANDIDACY.**

34 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
35 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(a-1)(1) and (2).**

36 **Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance entity" is**

1 substituted for the former references to "campaign accounts of the  
2 individual", "political committee", and "person" for clarity. *See* General  
3 Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

4 In subsections (a)(1) and (b)(2) of this section, the reference to a "filed"  
5 candidate is added for clarity.

6 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a candidate "for  
7 election to public or party office" is deleted. *See* General Revisor's Note to  
8 this title.

9 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to a candidate or  
10 incumbent "in any office filled by an election under this article" is added  
11 for clarity. Similarly, in subsection (b)(3) of this section, the reference to  
12 "other obligation" is substituted for the former reference to "deficit".

13 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "other obligations" is  
14 substituted for the former reference to "deficits" for clarity.

15 Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former reference to debts and  
16 other obligations "in connection with an election campaign" is deleted as  
17 surplusage. Similarly, in subsection (b)(3) of this section, the former  
18 reference to a deficit "in connection with the campaign that is payable"  
19 from the account of a campaign finance entity is deleted. The Election Law  
20 Article Review Committee calls this deletion to the attention of the  
21 General Assembly.

22 In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the defined  
23 term "campaign finance report" is substituted for the former reference to a  
24 "report". *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

25 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

26 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

27 "Candidate" § 1-101

28 "Election" § 1-101

29 **13-311. FINAL REPORT -- DISPOSAL OF FUNDS.**

30 **BEFORE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY FILES A FINAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
31 **REPORT, THE ENTITY SHALL PAY ALL OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AND DISPOSE OF**  
32 **ALL OF ITS REMAINING ASSETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-246 OF THIS TITLE.**

33 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
34 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(a-1)(3).

35 In this section, the phrase "pay all outstanding obligations" is added for  
36 clarity and accuracy.

37 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

38 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

1 **13-312. REPORTING PERIODS.**

2 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FILED UNDER § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL**  
 3 **COVER THE FOLLOWING REPORTING PERIODS:**

4 (1) **THE FIRST CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT SHALL COVER THE PERIOD**  
 5 **FROM THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY THROUGH**  
 6 **THE DAY SPECIFIED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS SECTION;**

7 (2) **EACH SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT SHALL COVER THE**  
 8 **PERIOD FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF THE PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT**  
 9 **THROUGH THE DAY SPECIFIED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS SECTION;**

10 (3) (I) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, EACH**  
 11 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT SHALL COVER THE PERIOD THAT INCLUDES THE**  
 12 **SEVENTH DAY BEFORE THE DAY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS DUE;**

13 (II) **THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS REQUIRED ON OR**  
 14 **BEFORE THE SECOND FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AN ELECTION SHALL**  
 15 **COVER THE PERIOD THROUGH AND INCLUDING THE PRECEDING SUNDAY; AND**

16 (4) **IF NO CONTRIBUTION IS RECEIVED AND NO EXPENDITURE IS MADE**  
 17 **DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT, THE CAMPAIGN**  
 18 **FINANCE ENTITY SHALL FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT TO THAT EFFECT.**

19 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
 20 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(a), as it related to the periods**  
 21 **covered for the filing of campaign finance reports.**

22 **Throughout this section, the defined terms "campaign finance entity" and**  
 23 **"campaign finance report" are added. See General Revisor's Note to this**  
 24 **title and § 1-101 of this article.**

25 **In item (4) of this section, the reference to a contribution that "is received"**  
 26 **is added for clarity.**

27 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

28 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

29 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

30 **"Expenditure" § 1-101**

31 **13-313. TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY BY THE STATE BOARD.**

32 (A) **IN GENERAL.**

33 **THE STATE BOARD MAY TERMINATE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IF THE**  
 34 **STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT GOOD CAUSE EXISTS AND THAT:**

35 (1) **THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY COULD BE TERMINATED UNDER §**  
 36 **13-309(B)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE EXCEPT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF ONE OR MORE**

1 OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AND EACH OF THOSE OBLIGATIONS IS MORE THAN 5  
2 YEARS OLD;

3 (2) NO RESPONSIBLE OFFICER CURRENTLY IS APPOINTED AND  
4 SERVING; OR

5 (3) OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST TO JUSTIFY  
6 TERMINATING THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

7 (B) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS UNAFFECTED.

8 THE TERMINATION OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY UNDER THIS SECTION  
9 DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF:

10 (1) THE STATE BOARD, OR THE STATE PROSECUTOR OR THE STATE'S  
11 ATTORNEY, TO PURSUE AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE FORMER  
12 RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF, OR ANY CANDIDATE FORMERLY AFFILIATED WITH, THE  
13 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY; OR

14 (2) A CREDITOR TO BRING AN ACTION AGAINST THE FORMER  
15 RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF, OR ANY CANDIDATE AFFILIATED WITH, THE CAMPAIGN  
16 FINANCE ENTITY.

17 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
18 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(a-2).

19 Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance entity" is  
20 substituted for the former reference to "campaign account" for clarity. *See*  
21 General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

22 In subsections (a)(2) and (b)(1) and (2) of this section, the defined term  
23 "responsible officer[s]" is substituted for the former reference to an  
24 "officer" for clarity. *See* § 1-101 of this article.

25 In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former  
26 phrase "[n]otwithstanding subsection (a-1) of this section," is deleted as  
27 surplusage.

28 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to "the existence of one or  
29 more" obligations is added for clarity and accuracy. Similarly, the phrase  
30 "and each of those obligations is" more than 5 years old is added.

31 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to the campaign  
32 finance entity being able to be "terminated under § 13-309(b)(4) of this  
33 subtitle" is substituted for the former reference to "[a]n officer affiliated  
34 with the campaign account" being able to close the campaign account for  
35 clarity.

36 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to "the State's Attorney" is  
37 added for accuracy and consistency with § 13-603 of this title.

1 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

2 **"Candidate" § 1-101**

3 **"Responsible officer" § 1-101**

4 **"State Board" § 1-101**

5 **13-314. RESERVED.**

6 **13-315. RESERVED.**

7 **PART IV. PLACE OF FILING.**

8 **13-316. FILING LOCATION.**

9 **A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED BY § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL**  
10 **BE FILED WITH ONE OR MORE BOARDS, AS FOLLOWS:**

11 **(1) FOR A PERSONAL TREASURER, WITH THE BOARD WHERE THE**  
12 **CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY OF THE CANDIDATE IS FILED;**

13 **(2) FOR A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WITH THE STATE**  
14 **BOARD; AND**

15 **(3) FOR EACH POLITICAL COMMITTEE OTHER THAN A CONTINUING**  
16 **POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WITH:**

17 **(I) THE STATE BOARD, IF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS**  
18 **SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED A CANDIDATE WHOSE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IS**  
19 **FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD;**

20 **(II) THE STATE BOARD, IF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS**  
21 **PROMOTED THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR ANY QUESTION TO**  
22 **BE SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AT AN ELECTION IN ALL OR PART OF MORE THAN ONE**  
23 **COUNTY;**

24 **(III) THE LOCAL BOARD OF A COUNTY, IF THE POLITICAL**  
25 **COMMITTEE HAS SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED A CANDIDATE WHOSE CERTIFICATE OF**  
26 **CANDIDACY IS FILED WITH THAT BOARD; AND**

27 **(IV) THE LOCAL BOARD OF A COUNTY, IF THE POLITICAL**  
28 **COMMITTEE HAS PROMOTED THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF A QUESTION TO BE**  
29 **SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AT AN ELECTION ONLY IN THAT COUNTY.**

30 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
31 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(a), (d)(1), and (e), as they specified**  
32 **where to file campaign finance reports.**

33 **In the introductory language of this section, the defined term "campaign**  
34 **finance report" is substituted for the former references to the "report or**  
35 **statement of contributions and expenditures" for clarity. See General**  
36 **Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

1 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

2 "Candidate" § 1-101

3 "Continuing political committee" § 1-101

4 "Local board" § 1-101

5 "Political committee" § 1-101

6 "State Board" § 1-101

7 **13-317. LOCAL BOARD FILINGS -- IN DUPLICATE.**

8 **ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FILED WITH A LOCAL BOARD SHALL BE**  
9 **FILED IN DUPLICATE.**

10 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
11 **change from the second sentences of former Art. 33, § 13-401(a) and (e).**

12 **The defined term "campaign finance report[s]" is substituted for the**  
13 **former references to "[a]ll reports or statements of contributions and**  
14 **expenditures" and "report" for clarity. See General Revisor's Note to this**  
15 **title and § 1-101 of this article.**

16 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

17 "Local board" § 1-101

18 **13-318. RESERVED.**

19 **13-319. RESERVED.**

20 **PART V. IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS.**

21 **13-320. FORMS.**

22 **THE STATE BOARD SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORMS FOR THE CAMPAIGN**  
23 **FINANCE REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE.**

24 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
25 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-402(a).**

26 **The defined term "campaign finance report[s]" is substituted for the**  
27 **former reference to the "Report or Statement of Campaign and Election**  
28 **Contributions and Expenditures" and the "Schedule of Receipts and**  
29 **Disbursements" for consistency within this subtitle. The reference to**  
30 **"other documents required by this subtitle" is added for clarity.**

31 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

32 "State Board" § 1-101

33 **13-321. NOTICE.**

34 **(A) DUTY OF BOARD.**

1           (1)     IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH  
2 BOARD SHALL NOTIFY EACH CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER  
3 THIS SUBTITLE TO FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS WITH THAT BOARD OF EACH  
4 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THAT ENTITY.

5           (2)     THE NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY FIRST CLASS MAIL AT LEAST 10  
6 BUT NOT MORE THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE THE FILING DATE FOR EACH CAMPAIGN  
7 FINANCE REPORT.

8     (B)     INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED.

9     THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
10 INCLUDE:

11           (1)     THE FILING DATE;

12           (2)     THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, BUSINESS HOURS, AND LOCATION OF  
13 THE BOARD WHERE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS TO BE FILED; AND

14           (3)     THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE A TIMELY CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
15 REPORT.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
17 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(f).

18     Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report" is  
19 substituted for the former references to "reports" and "report" for clarity.  
20 *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

21     In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
22 entity" is substituted for the former reference to "candidate, the treasurer  
23 of each candidate, and the chairman and treasurer of each committee" for  
24 clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

25     In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to the "location of the  
26 board" where the campaign finance report is to be filed is substituted for  
27 the former reference to the "place for filing" for clarity and accuracy.

28 Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

29     "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

30 13-322. TIMELINESS.

31     A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS TIMELY IF:

32           (1)     REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS RECEIVED, THE UNITED STATES  
33 POSTAL SERVICE HAS AFFIXED A MARK ON THE ENVELOPE OR ON A RECEIPT  
34 VERIFYING THAT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WAS MAILED ON OR BEFORE THE  
35 FILING DEADLINE; OR



1           (2)     **IT IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR THE LOCAL BOARD WITH**  
2 **WHICH IT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITHIN 3 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE**  
3 **AND A PRIVATE POSTAL METER POSTMARK OR A RECEIPT BY A PRIVATE CARRIER**  
4 **VERIFIES THAT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WAS MAILED OR DELIVERED TO**  
5 **THE PRIVATE CARRIER ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE.**

6 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
7 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(g)(1).

8     **In the introductory language of this section, the defined term "campaign**  
9 **finance report" is substituted for the former reference to "report" for**  
10 **clarity. See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

11 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

12     **"Local board" § 1-101**

13     **"State Board" § 1-101**

14 **13-323. RECEIPT.**

15     **A BOARD SHALL PROVIDE A RECEIPT FOR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT**  
16 **IS HAND-DELIVERED.**

17 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
18 change from former Art. 33, § 13-401(g)(2).

19     **The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the**  
20 **General Assembly, that the requirement that a board provide a receipt for**  
21 **each campaign report that is "hand-delivered" is substituted for the**  
22 **former requirement to provide a receipt "[u]nless a report is mailed" for**  
23 **clarity and accuracy and consistency with current technology and practice.**  
24 **The Election Law Article Review Committee calls this substitution to the**  
25 **attention of the General Assembly.**

26     **The reference to a "campaign finance report" is substituted for the former**  
27 **reference to a "report" for clarity. See General Revisor's Note to this title**  
28 **and § 1-101 of this article.**

29 **Defined term: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

30 **13-324. ELECTRONIC FILING.**

31     **(A)     IN GENERAL.**

32           (1)     **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
33 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD**  
34 **SHALL BE SUBMITTED USING AN ELECTRONIC STORAGE MEDIUM, AND IN A FORMAT,**  
35 **THAT THE STATE BOARD APPROVES.**

1           (2)     **THE STATE BOARD MAY EXEMPT A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY**  
2 **WITH DE MINIMIS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT**  
3 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS USING AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM.**

4     **(B)     PROVISION OF MEDIA.**

5     **ON REQUEST THE STATE BOARD SHALL SUPPLY TO A PERSON WHO IS**  
6 **REQUIRED TO FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS USING AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM**  
7 **THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND THE DISKS OR OTHER MEDIA ON WHICH THE**  
8 **REQUIRED INFORMATION IS TO BE ENTERED.**

9     **(C)     MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.**

10    **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD IN AN**  
11 **ELECTRONIC STORAGE FORMAT SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
12 **13-341 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

13    **(D)     PUBLIC ACCESS.**

14    **THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS THAT ARE**  
15 **MAINTAINED IN AN ELECTRONIC STORAGE FORMAT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**  
16 **SECTION WIDELY AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:**

17           (1)     **USING ANY EXISTING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SYSTEMS FOR DATA**  
18 **DISSEMINATION;**

19           (2)     **ON TERMS THAT THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES ARE CONSISTENT**  
20 **WITH THE PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

21           (3)     **BY MAKING ANY COMPUTER DISK SUBMITTED BY A PERSON**  
22 **AVAILABLE FOR DUPLICATION.**

23    **(E)     COMPLIANCE.**

24    **THE STATE BOARD MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT OR PROCESS A CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
25 **REPORT THAT IS NOT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF**  
26 **THIS SECTION.**

27    **(F)     SPECIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS.**

28    **THE STATE BOARD SHALL:**

29           (1)     **DEVELOP SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBMITTING CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
30 **REPORTS USING AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM; AND**

31           (2)     **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

32 **REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (d) through (f) of this section are**  
33 **new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §**  
34 **13-402(e), (f), (c)(2), and (d)(1)(ii), (2), and (3).**

1 Subsection (c) of this section is new language added for clarity, consistency,  
2 and completeness, and because related provisions of law regarding the  
3 maintenance of campaign finance reports by the State Board or a local  
4 board are decodified and transferred to the Session Laws. *See* Section 5,  
5 Ch. \_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which also enacted this article.

6 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
7 entity" is substituted for the former references to "candidates, personal  
8 treasurer accounts, and political committees". *See* General Revisor's Note  
9 to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

10 In subsections (b) and (d) of this section, the defined term "campaign  
11 finance report[s]" is substituted for the former references to "reports" and  
12 "campaign finance information" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to  
13 this title and § 1-101 of this article.

14 In subsection (e) of this section, the former reference to an "incomplete"  
15 report is deleted as surplusage.

16 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
17 General Assembly, that the authority granted to the State Board under  
18 subsection (e) of this section to refuse to accept or process a campaign  
19 finance report that is submitted using an electronic medium, but which is  
20 not submitted in accordance with the requirements of the State Board,  
21 may not be broad enough. There does not, for example, appear to be a  
22 comparable statement of authority in the current law that would allow the  
23 State Board to refuse to accept or process a campaign finance report,  
24 submitted by means other than an electronic medium, because the report  
25 fails to comply with the requirements of the State Board.

26 The requirements of former Art. 33, § 13-402(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i), which  
27 required campaign finance reports or statements to be filed with the State  
28 Board in an electronic storage format beginning in November 1997 and  
29 before November 1, 2000, respectively, are transferred to the Session Laws.  
30 *See* Section 5, Ch. \_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which also enacted this article.

31 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

32 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

33 **"State Board" § 1-101**

34 **13-325. RESERVED.**

35 **13-326. RESERVED.**

36 **PART VI. VIOLATIONS.**

37 **13-327. FAILURE TO FILE.**

38 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

1 A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY THAT FAILS TO FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
2 REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO THE SANCTIONS PROVIDED IN  
3 PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (B) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

5 THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ON A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED BY §  
6 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED OF THE CAMPAIGN  
7 FINANCE ENTITY BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS DEEMED A  
8 FAILURE TO FILE AND RENDERS THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT OVERDUE, ONLY  
9 IF:

10 (1) THE STATE BOARD NOTIFIES THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS IN  
11 WRITING OF THE PARTICULAR DEFICIENCIES; AND

12 (2) THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS FAIL TO FILE A PROPERLY CORRECTED  
13 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE NOTICE.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
15 change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(d).

16 Throughout this section, the defined terms "campaign finance report" and  
17 "campaign finance entity" are added for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note  
18 to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

19 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the defined term "responsible officer[s]"  
20 is substituted for the former reference to the "candidate, chairman, or  
21 treasurer" for clarity and for consistency with other provisions of this  
22 subtitle and § 1-101 of this article.

23 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration of  
24 the General Assembly, that this section and § 13-328 of this subtitle are  
25 not inconsistent as to whether the failure to provide information  
26 constitutes a failure to file. The criteria for determining whether a failure  
27 to provide information is a failure to file are different under the two  
28 sections because the implications of a failure to file are vastly different  
29 under the two sections (*i.e.*, the penalties for a failure to file under this  
30 section are far more severe while under § 13-328 the penalty merely  
31 results in the placing of a person's name on a list of defaulters).

32 The Election Law Article Review Committee also notes, for the  
33 consideration of the General Assembly, that in subsection (b) of this section  
34 the former reference to the applicability of sanctions "without the necessity  
35 of further notice ... under ... subsection (c) of this section" is deleted as  
36 surplusage, if it is construed to apply only to notice relating to information  
37 and only to the point in time at which the failure to provide information  
38 becomes a failure to file. Another construction would have the effect of  
39 providing more due process protections to the person who *fails entirely* to  
40 file than to the person who *does file* but omits some information.

1 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

2 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

3 **"Responsible officer" § 1-101**

4 **"State Board" § 1-101**

5 **13-328. SAME -- LISTS OF VIOLATORS.**

6 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

7 **(1) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF ANY**  
8 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE**  
9 **BOARD, THE STATE BOARD SHALL COMPILE A LIST OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
10 **ENTITIES THAT FAILED TO FILE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND DISTRIBUTE**  
11 **THE LIST, OR A PORTION OF THE LIST, TO SUCH LOCAL BOARDS AS IS REQUIRED TO**  
12 **IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.**

13 **(2) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF ANY**  
14 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH A LOCAL BOARD,**  
15 **THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL COMPILE A LIST OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES**  
16 **THAT FAILED TO FILE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND TRANSMIT THE LIST TO**  
17 **THE STATE BOARD.**

18 **(B) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

19 **FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE FAILURE TO**  
20 **PROVIDE ON A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED**  
21 **OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS**  
22 **DEEMED A FAILURE TO FILE.**

23 **(C) LOCAL BOARD TO NOTIFY STATE BOARD.**

24 **(1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A FAILURE TO FILE A**  
25 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AS SPECIFIED IN § 13-327 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

26 **(2) A LOCAL BOARD PROMPTLY SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF**  
27 **ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS MORE THAN 30 DAYS OVERDUE TO BE**  
28 **FILED WITH THAT LOCAL BOARD.**

29 **REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (c)(2) of this section are new**  
30 **language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §**  
31 **13-401(i) and (j) and, as it related to notice of overdue campaign finance**  
32 **reports to the State Board by the local boards, § 13-403(c).**

33 **Subsection (c)(1) of this section is new language added for clarity.**

34 **Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report" is**  
35 **substituted for the former references to "report" or "statement". See**  
36 **General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.**

37 **In subsection (a) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance**

1 entit[ies]" is substituted for the former references to "candidate or  
2 committee" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101  
3 of this article. Similarly, in subsection (b) of this section, the defined term  
4 "campaign finance entity" is added for clarity.

5 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to the distribution of the  
6 list "or a portion of the list" by the State Board is added for clarity.

7 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
8 General Assembly, that the notice requirements under subsection (a) of  
9 this section may be outdated in light of current technology, particularly  
10 since most campaign finance reports filed with the State Board are posted  
11 on the Internet.

12 As to the different implications of a failure to file under this section and §  
13 13-327 of this subtitle, *see* the Revisor's Note to § 13-327 of this subtitle.

14 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

15 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

16 "Local board" § 1-101

17 "State Board" § 1-101

18 **13-329. RESERVED.**

19 **13-330. RESERVED.**

20 **PART VII. SANCTIONS.**

21 **13-331. LATE FILING FEES.**

22 (A) **IMPOSITION.**

23 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A BOARD SHALL**  
24 **ASSESS A LATE FILING FEE FOR A FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT,**  
25 **AS SPECIFIED IN § 13-327 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

26 (B) **AMOUNT OF FEE.**

27 (1) **THE FEE IS \$10 FOR EACH DAY OR PART OF A DAY, EXCLUDING**  
28 **SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS, THAT A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS**  
29 **OVERDUE.**

30 (2) **AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$10 IS DUE FOR EACH OF THE FIRST 6 DAYS,**  
31 **EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS, THAT A PREELECTION**  
32 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT UNDER § 13-309 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS OVERDUE.**

33 (3) **THE MAXIMUM FEE PAYABLE FOR ANY SINGLE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
34 **REPORT IS \$250.**

35 (C) **ACCEPTANCE OF OVERDUE REPORTS.**

1           (1)     A BOARD SHALL ACCEPT AN OVERDUE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT  
2 THAT IS SUBMITTED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE LATE FILING FEE, BUT THE  
3 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS NOT CONSIDERED FILED UNTIL THE FEE HAS BEEN  
4 PAID.

5           (2)     AFTER AN OVERDUE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS RECEIVED  
6 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION NO FURTHER LATE FILING FEE SHALL  
7 BE INCURRED.

8     (D)     RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT.

9     A LATE FILING FEE IS THE JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY OF THE  
10 RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS AND:

11           (1)     MAY NOT BE PAID, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY THE CAMPAIGN  
12 FINANCE ENTITY; AND

13           (2)     IS NEITHER A CONTRIBUTION TO NOR AN EXPENDITURE OF THE  
14 ENTITY.

15 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
16 change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(a), as it related to the imposition of,  
17 and responsibility for, a late filing fee for the failure to file a campaign  
18 finance report.

19 Throughout this section, the defined term "campaign finance report" is  
20 substituted for the former references to "report", "statement of  
21 expenditures or contributions", or "statement" for clarity. *See* General  
22 Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

23 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to "§ 13-401(a)(1)  
24 and (2), (c), and (d) of this subtitle" is deleted for clarity and to remove any  
25 ambiguity regarding the applicability of this section to a noncontinuing  
26 political committee. The Election Law Article Review Committee calls this  
27 deletion to the attention of the General Assembly.

28 In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the former reference to a board "or its  
29 officer" is deleted as implicit in the reference to the "board" and the  
30 inherent power and authority of a board.

31 Also in subsection (c)(1) of this section, the former reference to a report  
32 being "officially" filed is deleted as surplusage.

33 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the former phrase "notwithstanding the  
34 fact the report ... is not considered officially filed" is deleted as surplusage.

35 In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the prohibition against a fee being "paid  
36 ... by the campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former prohibition  
37 against a fee being "paid ... from contributions to the candidate or  
38 committee" for clarity and consistency with § 13-218 of this title.

1 In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the reference to the "entity" is added for  
2 clarity.

3 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

4 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

5 "Contribution" § 1-101

6 "Expenditure" § 1-101

7 "Responsible officer" § 1-101

8 **13-332. DISQUALIFICATION -- ELIGIBILITY TO BE CANDIDATE OR TREASURER.**

9 AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ANY PUBLIC OR PARTY  
10 OFFICE IN THIS STATE OR BECOME A TREASURER FOR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY  
11 IF, AS TO ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DUE UNDER § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE  
12 FROM, OR ON BEHALF OF, THAT INDIVIDUAL DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE  
13 CALENDAR YEARS:

14 (1) THERE EXISTS A FAILURE TO FILE AS SPECIFIED IN § 13-327 OF THIS  
15 SUBTITLE; OR

16 (2) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS FAILED TO PAY A LATE FILING FEE THAT IS  
17 DUE.

18 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
19 change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(b).

20 The defined term "campaign finance report" is substituted for the former  
21 reference to "reports or statements" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note  
22 to this title and § 1-101 of this article. Similarly, the defined term  
23 "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former reference to  
24 "candidate or committee".

25 The reference to an "individual" is substituted for the former reference to a  
26 "person" because only an individual, and not the other entities included in  
27 the defined term "person", may become candidates or treasurers.  
28 Correspondingly, the reference to an "individual" is added to item (2) of  
29 this section for clarity.

30 The former phrase "a certificate of candidacy may not be accepted on his  
31 behalf" is deleted as redundant.

32 The former reference to a candidate in an "election" is deleted as obsolete  
33 because, as defined in § 1-101 of this article, a "candidate" may include an  
34 individual who has not filed a certificate of candidacy and the forming of a  
35 political committee is not tied to a specific election. The Election Law  
36 Article Review Committee calls this deletion to the attention of the  
37 General Assembly.

38 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
39 General Assembly, that the prohibition against an individual filing a



1 certificate of a candidacy or becoming a treasurer for a candidate or  
 2 political committee may be preempted and unenforceable as to a federal  
 3 candidate or campaign officer. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 453.

4 The Election Law Article Review Committee also notes, for consideration  
 5 by the General Assembly, that the reference to the filing of certain  
 6 campaign reports "during the preceding five calendar years" is ambiguous  
 7 under current circumstances. The Election Law Article Review Committee  
 8 has revised this section to conform to current practice and in recognition of  
 9 the change in circumstances manifested by the change in the length of  
 10 campaigns since the provision was enacted, *i.e.*, the formation of a  
 11 campaign finance entity for a candidate may not be tied to an "election".

12 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

13 **"Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

14 **"Treasurer" § 1-101**

15 **13-333. SAME -- ASSUMING OFFICE.**

16 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

17 **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, WITHIN THE MEANING OF § 13-327 OF THIS SUBTITLE,**  
 18 **HAS FAILED TO FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT IS DUE FROM, OR ON**  
 19 **BEHALF OF, THAT INDIVIDUAL, MAY NOT, UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL CORRECTS THE**  
 20 **FAILURE TO FILE:**

21 **(1) BE DEEMED TO BE ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE IN THIS**  
 22 **STATE;**

23 **(2) TAKE THE OATH OR OTHERWISE ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE**  
 24 **OFFICE; OR**

25 **(3) RECEIVE ANY SALARY OR COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE.**

26 **(B) CERTIFICATION BY STATE BOARD.**

27 **AN OFFICIAL OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT**  
 28 **ISSUE A COMMISSION OR ADMINISTER AN OATH OF OFFICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL**  
 29 **UNTIL THAT OFFICIAL RECEIVES CERTIFICATION FROM THE STATE BOARD THAT**  
 30 **ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS DUE UNDER § 13-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE FROM, OR**  
 31 **ON BEHALF OF, THAT INDIVIDUAL HAVE BEEN FILED.**

32 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
 33 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(e).**

34 **In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the phrase**  
 35 **"within the meaning of" § 13-327 is substituted for the former phrase**  
 36 **"pursuant to" for clarity.**

37 **Also in the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the**

1 defined term "campaign finance report" is substituted for the former  
2 references to "reports and statements of contributions" for clarity. *See*  
3 General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

4 Also in the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the  
5 reference to an "individual" is substituted for the former reference to a  
6 "person" because only an individual, and not the other entities included in  
7 the defined term "person", may be elected to office.

8 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
9 General Assembly, that, to the extent that subsection (a) of this section  
10 purports to regulate the election and authority of a candidate for a federal  
11 office, that provision may be preempted and unenforceable. *See* 2 U.S.C. §  
12 453.

13 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to "the laws of"  
14 this State is deleted as surplusage.

15 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former phrase "until the State  
16 Board certifies" is deleted as redundant in light of § 11-603 of this article.

17 In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to "compensation" is  
18 substituted for the former reference to "emoluments" for clarity.

19 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to an "individual" is  
20 substituted for the former reference to a "candidate" for clarity since only  
21 an "individual" may receive a commission or be administered an oath of  
22 office.

23 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

24 **"State Board" § 1-101**

25 **13-334. FORFEITURE OF SALARY.**

26 **(A) SCOPE.**

27 **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EACH INDIVIDUAL HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE IN THIS**  
28 **STATE WHO IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER § 13-335(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

29 **(B) INVESTIGATION.**

30 **THE STATE BOARD SHALL:**

31 **(1) INVESTIGATE EACH CIRCUMSTANCE THAT CAUSES AN INDIVIDUAL**  
32 **TO BECOME SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION;**

33 **(2) NOTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL; AND**

34 **(3) PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.**

35 **(C) GARNISHMENT.**

1 IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES, AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING,  
2 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS FAILED TO FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WITHIN  
3 THE MEANING OF § 13-327 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WAS PROVIDED NOTICE UNDER §  
4 13-335 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND HAS NOT RECTIFIED THE FAILURE AND PAID ANY  
5 LATE FILING FEE DUE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE  
6 FINANCIAL OFFICER TO WITHHOLD THE SALARY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AS TO THAT  
7 PUBLIC OFFICE UNTIL:

8 (1) THE FAILURE TO FILE IS RECTIFIED AND ANY LATE FILING FEE IS  
9 PAID; AND

10 (2) ANY SALARY PREVIOUSLY PAID TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR THE  
11 PUBLIC OFFICE WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN VIOLATION IS RESTORED TO THE  
12 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVED.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
14 change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(f).

15 In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to an "individual" is  
16 substituted for the former reference to a "person" because only an  
17 individual and not the other entities included in the defined term "person"  
18 may hold public office.

19 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "subject to prosecution  
20 under § 13-335(b) of this subtitle" is substituted for the former phrase  
21 "notified ... and has failed to file a report or statement ... failed to file a  
22 report ... or failed to pay any late filing fee due" for brevity, clarity, and  
23 consistency with § 13-335 of this subtitle.

24 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former references to "subsection  
25 (c) or (d) of this section" and "§ 13-401(a) of this subtitle and subsection (d)  
26 or (i) of this section", are deleted as misleading and confusing.

27 In subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the references to the "State Board"  
28 are substituted for the former references to the "board" for clarity and to  
29 state explicitly that which formerly was implied by the requirements that  
30 certain persons be provided notice regarding the failure to file certain  
31 campaign finance reports and the requirement that an investigation and  
32 hearing be held on the failure to file.

33 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the phrase "each circumstance that  
34 causes an individual to become subject to this section" is added for clarity.

35 In the introductory language of subsection (c) of this section, the phrase "as  
36 to that public office" is added for clarity.

37 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the reference to the withholding of the  
38 salary until "any salary previously paid ... is restored to the State or local  
39 government involved" is substituted for the former reference to the  
40 withholding "from future salary payments a sum or sums which equal any

1 amount previously paid" for clarity and accuracy.

2 Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

3 "State Board" § 1-101

4 **13-335. REFERRAL FOR PROSECUTION.**

5 (A) SHOW CAUSE NOTICE.

6 (1) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THERE HAS BEEN, FOR  
7 MORE THAN 30 DAYS, A FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WITHIN THE  
8 MEANING OF § 13-327 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE  
9 NOTICE PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE RESPONSIBLE  
10 OFFICERS OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IN VIOLATION.

11 (2) THE NOTICE SHALL DEMAND THAT, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE  
12 OF THE NOTICE, EITHER:

13 (I) THE FAILURE TO FILE BE RECTIFIED AND ANY LATE FILING  
14 FEE DUE BE PAID; OR

15 (II) THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STATE  
16 BOARD SHOULD NOT ASK THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY TO  
17 PROSECUTE THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (B) PENALTY.

19 A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER WHO FAILS, WITHOUT CAUSE, TO FILE THE  
20 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND PAY THE LATE FEE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER  
21 SERVICE OF THE NOTICE PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION IS  
22 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES  
23 PRESCRIBED IN § 13-603 OF THIS TITLE.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
25 change from the second and third sentences of former Art. 33, § 13-403(c).

26 In subsections (a)(1) and (b) of this section, the defined term "campaign  
27 finance report" is substituted for the former references to "report or  
28 statement". See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this  
29 article. Similarly, in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to a  
30 "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former reference to a  
31 "committee".

32 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to a "responsible officer" is  
33 substituted for the former reference to a "candidate, or ... chairman and  
34 treasurer if ... a committee" for clarity and consistency with other  
35 provisions of this title. See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101  
36 of this article.

37 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to the State Board's

1 "determin[ing]" that a report is late is substituted for the former reference  
2 to the State Board "learn[ing]" that a report is late for clarity.

3 In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the reference to a "prosecuting  
4 authority" is substituted for the former reference to "State's Attorney" to  
5 acknowledge the authority of the State Prosecutor to prosecute for a  
6 violation of the campaign finance law.

7 Also in subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the former phrase "as provided  
8 in § 13-603 of this title" is deleted as an inaccurate cross-reference.

9 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a responsible officer who  
10 fails "without cause" to file a campaign finance report is added for clarity  
11 and to acknowledge that the responsible officers, by showing cause in  
12 response to the notice provided by subsection (a) of this section, may avoid  
13 the referral for prosecution.

14 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

15 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

16 "Responsible officer" § 1-101

17 "State Board" § 1-101

18 **13-336. PROVISIONS MANDATORY.**

19 **SUBJECT TO § 13-337 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PROVISIONS OF PART VI AND THIS**  
20 **PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE GOVERNING**  
21 **THE FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ARE MANDATORY AND NOT**  
22 **DIRECTORY.**

23 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
24 change from the first sentence of former Art. 33, § 403(h)(1).

25 The introductory clause of this section, "[s]ubject to § 13-337 of this  
26 subtitle" is added for clarity.

27 **Defined term: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

28 **13-337. RELIEF FROM SANCTIONS.**

29 **(A) JUDICIAL DETERMINATION.**

30 **A SANCTION MAY NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN**  
31 **FINANCE REPORT OR TO PAY A LATE FILING FEE IF A COURT OF COMPETENT**  
32 **JURISDICTION FINDS JUST CAUSE FOR THE FAILURE.**

33 **(B) ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF LATE FILING FEE.**

34 **(1) ON REQUEST OF A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER SUBJECT TO THE**  
35 **ASSESSMENT OF A LATE FILING FEE AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE**

1 BOARD, THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR MAY WAIVE THE LATE FILING FEE FOR JUST  
2 CAUSE.

3 (2) THE DECISION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR ON A WAIVER  
4 REQUEST SHALL BE IN WRITING AND STATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING  
5 THE LATE FILING AND THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION.

6 (3) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAKE A DECISION ON A WAIVER  
7 REQUEST WITHOUT NOTICE OR HEARING.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
9 change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(h)(2) and (3) and the second sentence  
10 of (1).

11 In subsection (a) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
12 report" is substituted for the former reference to a "report or statement" for  
13 clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

14 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to "a responsible officer  
15 subject to the assessment of a late filing fee" is substituted for the former  
16 reference to "the person required to file" for clarity.

17 Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference "with the approval of  
18 the State Board" is substituted for the former reference "subject to" the  
19 approval of the State Board for clarity.

20 In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the reference to the "State  
21 Administrator" is added for consistency with subsection (b)(2) of this  
22 section.

23 Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

24 "State Administrator" § 1-101

25 "State Board" § 1-101

26 13-338. RESERVED.

27 13-339. RESERVED.

28 PART VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.

29 13-340. DISTRIBUTION OF LATE FEES.

30 (A) IN GENERAL.

31 ALL LATE FILING FEES SHALL BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL FUND AND  
32 DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

33 (B) STATE BOARD.

1           (1)     **FEES RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE**  
2 **FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD SHALL BE PAID TO THE STATE BOARD AND BE**  
3 **APPLIED TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF COLLECTION AND OF ANY AUDITS OF CAMPAIGN**  
4 **FINANCE REPORTS PERFORMED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR.**

5           (2)     **AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, ANY BALANCE SHALL BE**  
6 **TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

7     **(C)     LOCAL BOARDS.**

8     **FEES RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED**  
9 **ONLY WITH A LOCAL BOARD SHALL BE PAID TO THE LOCAL BOARD FOR TRANSFER TO**  
10 **THE COUNTY.**

11 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
12 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(g).**

13 **In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to fees that were**  
14 **"paid" is deleted as surplusage.**

15 **In subsections (b)(1) and (c) of this section, the references to "campaign**  
16 **finance reports" are substituted for the former references to "reports" and**  
17 **"statements". See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this**  
18 **article.**

19 **In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to any "remaining"**  
20 **balance is deleted as implicit in the reference to a "balance".**

21 **Also in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to funds being**  
22 **"transferred to the General Fund of the State" is substituted for the former**  
23 **reference to a fund balance remaining being "remitted to the State**  
24 **treasury as part of the general funds of the State" for clarity and accuracy.**

25 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

26 **"Local board" § 1-101**

27 **"State Administrator" § 1-101**

28 **"State Board" § 1-101**

29 **13-341. RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.**

30 **(A)     REQUIREMENT.**

31           (1)     **EACH BOARD SHALL RECEIVE AND PRESERVE ALL CAMPAIGN**  
32 **FINANCE REPORTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH IT UNDER THIS ARTICLE.**

33           (2)     **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CAMPAIGN**  
34 **FINANCE REPORTS RECEIVED BY A BOARD SHALL BE KEPT AS PART OF ITS RECORDS**  
35 **FOR:**

1 (I) A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 5 YEARS AFTER THE CAMPAIGN  
2 FINANCE REPORT IS FILED; OR

3 (II) A LONGER PERIOD IF REQUIRED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT  
4 JURISDICTION OR THE STATE BOARD BY REGULATION.

5 (3) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF  
6 THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IS THAT OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A  
7 CANDIDATE, THE BOARD SHALL KEEP THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AS A PART  
8 OF ITS RECORDS FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE  
9 PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE SOUGHT NOMINATION OR  
10 ELECTION.

11 (II) SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES WHETHER OR  
12 NOT:

13 1. THE CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR  
14 COMPLETES THE TERM OF OFFICE; AND

15 2. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT RELATES TO MORE  
16 THAN ONE CANDIDATE.

17 (B) PUBLIC ACCESS.

18 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS SHALL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION  
19 DURING THE REGULAR OFFICE HOURS OF THE BOARD THAT RETAINS THEM.

20 (C) TRANSFER TO STATE ARCHIVES.

21 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A BOARD SHALL TRANSFER THE  
22 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FILED WITH IT TO THE STATE ARCHIVES.

23 (D) OVERDUE REPORTS -- SEPARATE RECORD.

24 (1) BEFORE TRANSFERRING A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT TO THE  
25 STATE ARCHIVES, A BOARD SHALL MAKE A RECORD OF ANY OVERDUE CAMPAIGN  
26 FINANCE REPORT FROM THE SAME CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY AND SUBMIT A COPY  
27 OF THE RECORD TO THE STATE ARCHIVES AND, IF MADE BY A LOCAL BOARD, TO THE  
28 STATE BOARD.

29 (2) THE RECORD SHALL INCLUDE:

30 (I) THE NAME OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY;

31 (II) THE NAME OF THE TREASURER;

32 (III) AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE MISSING CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
33 REPORT; AND

34 (IV) IF NO LATER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT HAS BEEN FILED BY  
35 THE ENTITY, THE AMOUNT OF ANY OUTSTANDING BALANCE, AND ANY



1 **OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS, SHOWN ON THE LAST CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT**  
2 **FILED.**

3 **(E) EVIDENCE.**

4 **A COPY OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN A**  
5 **COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-204 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.**

6 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
7 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-404.**

8 **Throughout this section, the references to "campaign finance report[s]" are**  
9 **substituted for the former references to "reports", "statements", and**  
10 **"accounts". See General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this**  
11 **article. Similarly, in subsections (a)(3) and (d) of this section, the defined**  
12 **term "campaign finance entity" is added.**

13 **In subsections (a)(1) and (d)(1) of this section, the former references to**  
14 **"[e]very officer" and "officer", respectively, are deleted as surplusage and as**  
15 **inherent in the power and authority of a board under this section.**

16 **In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to "file" is deleted**  
17 **as included in the comprehensive reference to "preserve".**

18 **In subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to the retention of a**  
19 **campaign finance report received by a board for a period not to exceed 5**  
20 **years "after the campaign finance report is filed" is added for clarity,**  
21 **specificity, and the presumed legislative intent. The Election Law Article**  
22 **Review Committee calls this addition to the attention of the General**  
23 **Assembly.**

24 **In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the reference to the retention of**  
25 **campaign finance reports for a period longer than 5 years as required by a**  
26 **court "or the State Board by regulation" is added for clarity and for**  
27 **consistency with § 2-106 of this article and SG § 10-632.**

28 **In subsection (a)(3)(ii)1 of this section, the reference to a candidate who is**  
29 **"nominated, elected, or completes the term" is substituted for the former**  
30 **reference to a candidate who is "successful, unsuccessful, or resigns" for**  
31 **accuracy and consistency.**

32 **In subsection (a)(3)(ii)2 of this section, the reference to a campaign finance**  
33 **report that "relates to more than one candidate" is added for clarity.**

34 **In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to the inspection of**  
35 **campaign finance reports by a "citizen" is deleted as inconsistent with the**  
36 **requirements of the State public records law under Title 10, Subtitle 6 of**  
37 **the State Government Article.**

38 **In subsection (c) of this section, the clause "[s]ubject to subsection (a) of**

1 this section" is substituted for the former reference to "[t]hereafter" for  
2 clarity.

3 In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the phrase "from the same campaign  
4 finance entity" is substituted for the former phrase "required to have been  
5 filed by § 13-401 of this subtitle but which have not been filed" for brevity  
6 and accuracy.

7 Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the former references to a  
8 "permanent" record are deleted as redundant and for accuracy.

9 In subsection (d)(2)(iv) of this section, the phrase "if no later campaign  
10 finance report has been filed" is substituted for the former reference to a  
11 "final report" for accuracy and clarity.

12 In subsection (e) of this section, the reference to "§ 10-204 of the Courts  
13 Article" is substituted for the former references to "the same extent as the  
14 original ... would be if produced and proved" and to reports "certified by the  
15 principal administrative officer in whose office they are kept under the  
16 seal of his office" for brevity and accuracy.

17 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

18 "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

19 "Candidate" § 1-101

20 "Election" § 1-101

21 "Local board" § 1-101

22 "State Board" § 1-101

23 "Treasurer" § 1-101

24 **GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO SUBTITLE:**

25 Article 33, § 13-402(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i) are transferred to the Session Laws. These  
26 provisions, which regulate campaign reports required to be filed with the State Board  
27 in an electronic storage format beginning in November 1997 and before November 1,  
28 2000, respectively, are obsolete, except to the extent persons subject to those  
29 electronic filing requirements have failed to file required campaign reports and  
30 except for the requirements governing the maintenance of those campaign finance  
31 reports by the State Board.

32 **SUBTITLE 4. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS.**

33 **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

34 **13-401. AUTHORITY LINE.**

35 **(A) REQUIREMENT -- IN GENERAL.**

36 **(1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, EACH ITEM OF**  
37 **CAMPAIGN MATERIAL SHALL CONTAIN, SET APART FROM ANY OTHER MESSAGE, AN**  
38 **AUTHORITY LINE THAT STATES:**

1 (I) AS TO CAMPAIGN MATERIAL PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED BY A  
2 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY:

3 1. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER OF EACH  
4 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL; AND

5 2. AS TO EACH TREASURER NAMED UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS  
6 PARAGRAPH, THE NAME OF EACH CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY FOR WHICH THE  
7 TREASURER IS ACTING; AND

8 (II) AS TO CAMPAIGN MATERIAL PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED BY  
9 ANY OTHER PERSON, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR  
10 THE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.

11 (2) THE AUTHORITY LINE MAY OMIT AN ADDRESS THAT IS ON FILE WITH  
12 THE STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL BOARD.

13 (3) IF THE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL IS TOO SMALL TO INCLUDE ALL THE  
14 INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN A LEGIBLE  
15 MANNER, THE AUTHORITY LINE NEED ONLY CONTAIN THE NAME AND TITLE OF THE  
16 TREASURER OR OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

17 (4) THE AUTHORITY LINE FOR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL THAT IS A  
18 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT NEED ONLY CONTAIN THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED  
19 IN PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR ONE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
20 ENTITY OR OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT.

21 (B) SAME -- CAMPAIGN MATERIAL NOT AUTHORIZED BY CANDIDATE.

22 CAMPAIGN MATERIAL THAT IS PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED IN SUPPORT OF OR  
23 IN OPPOSITION TO A CANDIDATE, BUT IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE,  
24 SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

25 "THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AND PAID FOR BY (NAME OF PAYOR OR  
26 ANY ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH THE PAYOR), (NAME AND TITLE OF  
27 TREASURER OR PRESIDENT). THIS MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED OR  
28 APPROVED BY ANY CANDIDATE."

29 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
30 change from former Art. 33, § 13-501(a)(2) and (3) and § 13-504(b).

31 In subsection (a)(1)(i)1 and (3) of this section, the former reference to a  
32 "candidate, ... chairman, or campaign manager" is deleted in light of the  
33 reference to the "treasurer" of a campaign finance entity and in light of §  
34 13-218 of this title, which requires the treasurer to authorize expenditures  
35 on behalf of the campaign finance entity.

36 In subsection (a)(1)(i) and (4) of this section, the references to a "campaign  
37 finance entity" are added for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title  
38 and § 1-101 of this article.

- 1 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to "message" is  
2 substituted for the former reference to "printing" to encompass oral  
3 statements.
- 4 In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to the name "and title" of  
5 the treasurer or other person responsible for campaign material is added  
6 for clarity.
- 7 In subsection (a)(4) of this section, the reference to a "commercial"  
8 advertisement is added to cover radio, commercial sound trucks, and  
9 similar printed advertisements for clarity and to express what the  
10 Committee presumes to be the intent of the General Assembly. The  
11 Election Law Article Review Committee brings this addition to the  
12 attention of the General Assembly.
- 13 In subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "campaign  
14 advertisement" is deleted as included in the definition of "[c]ampaign  
15 material".
- 16 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "published or distributed"  
17 is added for clarity and consistency with subsection (a)(1) of this section.
- 18 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "in support of or in  
19 opposition to a candidate" is added for clarity and in light of § 13-102 of  
20 this title, which exempts from the regulation of this title individuals who  
21 act independently of any other person when expressing personal views on  
22 any subject or making an expenditure of personal funds to purchase  
23 campaign material.
- 24 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "payor or any organization  
25 affiliated with the payor" is substituted for the former reference to the  
26 "committee or any affiliated organization of the committee" for clarity.

27 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

28 "Campaign material" § 1-101

29 "Local board" § 1-101

30 "State Board" § 1-101

31 "Treasurer" § 1-101

32 **13-402. ADVERTISING RATES.**

33 (A) IN GENERAL.

34 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON PUBLISHING A  
35 NEWSPAPER OR PERIODICAL IN THE STATE MAY NOT CHARGE A CANDIDATE FOR  
36 STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICE A RATE FOR POLITICAL ADVERTISING THAT  
37 EXCEEDS THE LOCAL RATE REGULARLY CHARGED FOR COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING  
38 BY THE PERSON PUBLISHING THAT NEWSPAPER OR PERIODICAL.

39 (B) ADVERTISING OR PRESS AGENCY.

1 IF A CANDIDATE USES AN ADVERTISING OR PRESS AGENCY TO PLACE A  
2 POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT, THE PERSON PUBLISHING THE NEWSPAPER OR  
3 PERIODICAL MAY CHARGE THE NATIONAL RATE REGULARLY CHARGED BY THAT  
4 NEWSPAPER OR PERIODICAL FOR COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
6 change from former Art. 33, § 13-501(b).

7 In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to a "corporation" is  
8 deleted as included in the references to a "person".

9 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a "regular" rate is  
10 deleted in light of the reference to the rate "regularly" charged for brevity.

11 Defined term: "Candidate" § 1-101

12 13-403. RETENTION OF COPIES.

13 (A) REQUIREMENT.

14 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH CAMPAIGN  
15 FINANCE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR, PUBLISHER OF, AND DISTRIBUTOR OF, AN ITEM  
16 OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL SHALL KEEP A SAMPLE COPY OF THE ITEM FOR AT LEAST 1  
17 YEAR AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION NEXT FOLLOWING THE DATE WHEN THE ITEM  
18 WAS PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED.

19 (2) FOR EACH ITEM OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL DISSEMINATED THROUGH  
20 THE INTERNET, THE SAMPLE COPY SHALL BE:

21 (I) A PAPER FACSIMILE; OR

22 (II) A COPY ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM THAT CAN BE PRODUCED  
23 AS A PAPER FACSIMILE ON REQUEST.

24 (B) EXCEPTION.

25 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A BILLBOARD OR A  
26 SIGN.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
28 change from former Art. 33, § 13-502(a) and (c).

29 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to a "campaign finance  
30 entity" responsible for campaign material is substituted for the former  
31 reference to each "candidate or treasurer or subtreasurer" for clarity and  
32 brevity.

33 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a person  
34 who "causes" campaign material to be published or distributed is deleted  
35 as surplusage and as included in the reference to "each campaign finance  
36 entity responsible for, publisher of, and distributor of, an item of"

1 campaign material.

2 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to the "general"  
3 election is added for clarity and specificity.

4 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to "a complete  
5 file" is deleted as surplusage.

6 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
7 General Assembly, that it is now possible to transmit audio and video  
8 material through the Internet. Subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section may  
9 need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be altered to  
10 accommodate this change in circumstance.

11 In subsection (b) of this section, the word "sign" is substituted for the  
12 former reference to "placards" for clarity, specificity, and current usage.

13 Defined terms: "Campaign material" § 1-101

14 "Distributor" § 1-101

15 13-404. RESERVED.

16 13-405. RESERVED.

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## PART II. LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTERS.

18 13-406. DEFINITIONS.

19 (A) IN GENERAL.

20 IN THIS PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
21 MEANINGS INDICATED.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
23 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-503(a)(1).

24 (B) INCUMBENT.

25 "INCUMBENT" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

26 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 13-503(a)(2).

27 No changes are made.

28 (C) LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER.

29 "LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER" MEANS AN UNSOLICITED DOCUMENT USED BY AN  
30 INCUMBENT, WITHOUT SUPERVISION BY, OR COORDINATION WITH, THE GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY, TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO A CONSTITUENT, VOTER, OR  
32 POTENTIAL VOTER ABOUT:

1           (1)     **THE INCUMBENT'S PERFORMANCE IN LEGISLATIVE OFFICE; OR**

2           (2)     **ONE OR MORE ISSUES OF PUBLIC INTEREST CHOSEN BY THE**  
3 **INCUMBENT.**

4 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This subsection is new language derived without  
5 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-503(a)(3).

6 **In the introductory language of this subsection, the former reference to a**  
7 **"forum" is deleted as surplusage.**

8 **Also in the introductory language of this subsection, the reference to "a**  
9 **constituent, voter, or potential voter" is added based on similar language in**  
10 **former Art. 33, § 13-503(a)(4) which is revised in subsection (d) of this**  
11 **section.**

12 **Also in the introductory language of this subsection, the phrase**  
13 **referencing an unsolicited document "used by an incumbent, without**  
14 **supervision by, or coordination with, the General Assembly" is added to**  
15 **distinguish legislative newsletters from the *Annapolis Report*.**

16 **The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the**  
17 **General Assembly, that the definition of a legislative newsletter is**  
18 **restricted to the dissemination of information about an incumbent's**  
19 **performance in "legislative" office. Did the General Assembly intend to**  
20 **limit the regulation of newsletters to only those newsletters that contain**  
21 **information about the incumbent's General Assembly legislative activity?**  
22 **It would appear that information regarding an incumbent's legislative**  
23 **performance as a member of a county council or local board of education or**  
24 **in any other non-General Assembly elected office may be equally relevant**  
25 **to the purpose of this subsection. The General Assembly may wish to**  
26 **clarify this ambiguity.**

27 **In item (2) of this subsection, the reference to issues of public "interest" is**  
28 **substituted for the former reference to an issue of public "importance" for**  
29 **clarity and specificity.**

30 **Also in item (2) of this subsection, the former reference to a "candidate" is**  
31 **deleted as included in the reference to an "incumbent". The Election Law**  
32 **Article Review Committee calls this deletion to the attention of the**  
33 **General Assembly.**

34 **(D)     PUBLICATION EXPENSE.**

35 **"PUBLICATION EXPENSE" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE RELATING TO WRITING,**  
36 **PUBLISHING, PRINTING, ISSUING, MAILING, OR DISTRIBUTING A LEGISLATIVE**  
37 **NEWSLETTER.**

38 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This subsection is new language derived without  
39 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-503(a)(4).

1 The former reference to "a voter, potential voter, or constituent" is deleted  
2 in light of the definition of a "legislative newsletter".

3 Defined term: "Expenditure" § 1-101

4 13-407. SCOPE OF PART.

5 PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT RESTRICT THE USE BY THE GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF ANY FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
8 change from former Art. 33, § 13-503(d).

9 This section is revised to clarify that the General Assembly may publish, as  
10 an entity, a newsletter.

11 13-408. PAYMENT OF PUBLICATION EXPENSES.

12 (A) PUBLIC FUNDS PROHIBITED.

13 PUBLICATION EXPENSES MAY NOT BE PAID FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.

14 (B) PERMISSIBLE FUNDING.

15 PUBLICATION EXPENSES MAY BE PAID FROM:

16 (1) A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF THE  
17 INCUMBENT IF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY COMPLIES WITH ALL OTHER  
18 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE REGARDING EXPENDITURES AND CAMPAIGN  
19 MATERIAL; OR

20 (2) THE PERSONAL FUNDS OF THE INCUMBENT OR THE SPOUSE OF THE  
21 INCUMBENT IF, AS TO EACH ISSUE:

22 (I) THE INCUMBENT HAS NOT FILED A CERTIFICATE OF  
23 CANDIDACY;

24 (II) THE LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER CONTAINS A NOTICE THAT IT  
25 IS DISSEMINATED AT THE PERSONAL EXPENSE OF THE INCUMBENT; AND

26 (III) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST MAILING OR DISTRIBUTION  
27 OF THE ISSUE, THE INCUMBENT FILES A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT WITH THE  
28 STATE BOARD THAT CONTAINS:

29 1. A DETAILED LIST OF PUBLICATION EXPENSES; AND

30 2. AN AFFIDAVIT THAT NO FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE  
31 NEWSLETTER HAVE BEEN SOLICITED OR RECEIVED FROM ANY SOURCE TO  
32 SUPPLEMENT THE PERSONAL FUNDS.



1 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
2 change from former Art. 33, § 13-503(b) and (c).

3 In subsection (a) of this section and in the introductory language of  
4 subsection (b) of this section, the former references to a "legislative  
5 newsletter" are deleted in light of the defined term "[p]ublication expense".

6 In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to an individual "who  
7 has filed a certificate of candidacy" is deleted as included in the limitations  
8 governing the payment of publication expenses in subsection (b) of this  
9 section. Similarly, the former reference to paying publication expenses  
10 "only from the individual's campaign treasury" is deleted.

11 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to an "individual" is  
12 deleted as included in the reference to an "incumbent".

13 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the term campaign "account" is  
14 substituted for the former reference to a campaign "treasury" for  
15 consistency with the terminology used elsewhere throughout this title.

16 In subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to an incumbent who  
17 "has not filed a certificate of candidacy", which formerly modified both  
18 funds from a campaign account and personal funds, is revised to apply only  
19 to personal funds for clarity.

20 In subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section, the word "notice" is substituted for  
21 the former reference to a "statement" for clarity and to avoid conflict with  
22 the defined term "campaign finance report". *See* General Revisor's Note to  
23 this title and § 1-101 of this article.

24 In subsection (b)(2)(iii) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
25 report" is substituted for the former reference to a "report" for clarity and  
26 consistency with the terminology used throughout this title. Similarly, the  
27 reference to the "campaign finance entity" of an incumbent is added in  
28 subsection (b)(1) of this section. *See* General Revisor's Note to title and §  
29 1-101 of this article.

30 Also in subsection (b)(2)(iii) of this section, the former reference to an  
31 incumbent who "signs" and files a statement is deleted in light of the  
32 requirement that the incumbent file a campaign finance report with the  
33 State Board that contains an "affidavit".

34 Also in subsection (b)(2)(iii) of this section, the former reference to "a form  
35 that the Board provides" is deleted as included in the definition of a  
36 "campaign finance report".

37 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

38 "Candidate" § 1-101

39 "Expenditure" § 1-101

40 "Incumbent" § 13-406

1 "Legislative newsletter" § 13-406

2 "Publication expense" § 13-406

3 **13-409. LATE FILING FEE.**

4 (A) IN GENERAL.

5 THERE IS A \$10 LATE FILING FEE FOR EACH DAY OR PART OF A DAY, EXCLUDING  
6 A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY, THAT A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED  
7 BY § 13-408 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS OVERDUE.

8 (B) MAXIMUM.

9 THE MAXIMUM FEE PAYABLE IS \$250.

10 (C) PERSONAL LIABILITY.

11 A LATE FEE ASSESSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID FROM THE  
12 PERSONAL FUNDS OF THE INCUMBENT.

13 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
14 change from former Art. 33, § 13-403(i).

15 In subsection (a) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance  
16 report" is substituted for the former reference to a "report". See General  
17 Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

18 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to an "overdue report"  
19 is deleted as included in subsection (a) of this section.

20 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to "personal funds" is  
21 substituted for the former reference to the person being personally "liable"  
22 for clarity.

23 Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101

24 "Incumbent" § 13-406

25 SUBTITLE 5. LOCAL PROVISIONS.

26 **13-501. SPECIAL PROVISIONS -- PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

27 AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, A  
28 MEMBER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, OR A CANDIDATE FOR EITHER  
29 OF THOSE OFFICES, TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 8, PART IV OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
30 ARTICLE MAY APPLY.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added for clarity.

32 Former Art. 33, § 13-301 is merged with closely-related provisions under  
33 Title 15, Subtitle 8, Part IV of the State Government Article.

1 Accordingly, several of the definitions under former Art. 33, § 13-301 are  
2 revised in § 15-829 of the State Government Article (specifically, former  
3 Art. 33, §§ 13-301(a)(4) ["contributor"], 13-301(a)(7) ["political action  
4 committee"], and 13-301(a)(8) ["slate"]).

5 In addition, former Art. 33, § 13-301(b), (c), and (d) are revised in SG §  
6 15-831(e).

7 Former Art. 33, § 13-301(a)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (8), and (9) are deleted as  
8 unnecessary in light of the defined terms in SG § 15-829.

9 **Defined term: "Contribution" § 1-101**

10 **13-502. SPECIAL PROVISIONS -- MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

11 **AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE, A MEMBER**  
12 **OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OR A CANDIDATE FOR EITHER**  
13 **OF THOSE OFFICES, TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 8, PART V OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
14 **ARTICLE MAY APPLY.**

15 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added for clarity.**

16 Former Art. 33, § 13-302 is merged with closely-related provisions under  
17 Title 15, Subtitle 8, Part V of the State Government Article.

18 Accordingly, several of the definitions under former Art. 33, § 13-302 are  
19 revised in § 15-838 of the State Government Article (specifically, former  
20 Art. 33, §§ 13-302(a)(4) ["contributor"], 13-302(a)(6) ["political action  
21 committee"], and 13-302(a)(8) ["slate"]).

22 In addition, former Art. 33, § 13-302(b) and (c) are revised in SG §  
23 15-839(c).

24 Former Art. 33, § 13-302(a)(1), (2), (3), (5), (7), and (9) are deleted as  
25 unnecessary in light of the defined terms in SG § 15-838.

26 **Defined term: "Contribution" § 1-101**

27 **13-503. SPECIAL PROVISIONS -- HOWARD COUNTY.**

28 **AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE, A MEMBER OF**  
29 **THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, OR A CANDIDATE FOR EITHER OF**  
30 **THOSE OFFICES, TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 8, PART VII OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
31 **ARTICLE MAY APPLY.**

32 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added for clarity.**

33 Former Art. 33, § 13-303 is merged with closely-related provisions under  
34 Title 15, Subtitle 8, Part VII of the State Government Article.

35 Accordingly, several of the definitions under former Art. 33, § 13-303 are

1 revised in § 15-848 of the State Government Article (specifically, former  
2 Art. 33, §§ 13-303(a)(5) ["contributor"] and 13-303(a)(7) ["political action  
3 committee"]).

4 In addition, former Art. 33, § 13-303(b) and (c) are revised in SG §  
5 15-849(d).

6 Former Art. 33, § 13-303(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (8), and (9) are deleted as  
7 unnecessary in light of the defined terms in SG § 15-848.

8 **Defined term: "Contribution" § 1-101**

9 **SUBTITLE 6. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES.**

10 **13-601. FALSE STATEMENTS AND ENTRIES.**

11 **(A) FILINGS UNDER OATH.**

12 **A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY MAKE A FALSE, FRAUDULENT, OR MISLEADING**  
13 **STATEMENT OR ENTRY IN ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT OR OTHER FILING THAT**  
14 **IS UNDER OATH AND IS REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE.**

15 **(B) PENALTY.**

16 **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF PERJURY AND ON**  
17 **CONVICTION SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY PROVIDED UNDER THE CRIMINAL LAW**  
18 **ARTICLE.**

19 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
20 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-601.**

21 **In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to a "person" is substituted**  
22 **for the former reference to any "candidate for office, treasurer, or**  
23 **subtreasurer, or by any member or officer of any political committee" for**  
24 **consistency with other provisions of this title.**

25 **Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to any "campaign**  
26 **finance report or other filing" is substituted for the former reference to any**  
27 **"statement or account" for clarity and completeness. A person is required to**  
28 **file statements other than "campaign finance reports", as that term is**  
29 **defined for this article. See General Revisor's Note to this title.**

30 **In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the penalty for perjury as**  
31 **provided under "the Criminal Law Article" is substituted for the former**  
32 **reference to being "punishable as such according to the laws of this State"**  
33 **for clarity.**

34 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance report" § 1-101**

35 **"Person" § 1-101**

1 **13-602. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

2 (A) **ENUMERATED.**

3 (1) **A PERSON MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY GIVE, OFFER, OR**  
4 **PROMISE MONEY, AID, A GIFT, AN ADVANTAGE, A PREFERMENT, AN EMOLUMENT, OR**  
5 **ANY OTHER VALUABLE THING TO ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF**  
6 **INDUCING OR PROCURING THAT PERSON TO VOTE OR REFRAIN FROM VOTING FOR**  
7 **OR AGAINST:**

8 (I) **AN INDIVIDUAL, QUESTION, OR MEASURE AT AN ELECTION OR**  
9 **POLITICAL CONVENTION; OR**

10 (II) **THE ELECTION OF AN OFFICER BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

11 (2) **A PERSON MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RECEIVE, ACCEPT,**  
12 **REQUEST, OR SOLICIT MONEY, AID, A GIFT, AN ADVANTAGE, A PREFERMENT, AN**  
13 **EMOLUMENT, OR ANY OTHER VALUABLE THING FROM ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE**  
14 **PURPOSE OF INDUCING OR PROCURING A THIRD PERSON TO VOTE OR REFRAIN**  
15 **FROM VOTING FOR OR AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL, QUESTION, OR MEASURE AT AN**  
16 **ELECTION OR POLITICAL CONVENTION.**

17 (3) **A PERSON MAY NOT VOTE OR REFRAIN FROM VOTING FOR OR**  
18 **AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL, QUESTION, OR MEASURE AT AN ELECTION OR A POLITICAL**  
19 **CONVENTION, IN CONSIDERATION OF MONEY, AID, A GIFT, AN ADVANTAGE, A**  
20 **PREFERMENT, AN EMOLUMENT, OR ANY OTHER VALUABLE THING PAID, RECEIVED,**  
21 **ACCEPTED, OR PROMISED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THAT PERSON OR OF ANOTHER**  
22 **PERSON.**

23 (4) (I) **A PERSON, TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
24 **ENTITY, MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAY, GIVE, OR PROMISE MONEY OR ANY**  
25 **OTHER VALUABLE THING TO ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
26 **ENTITY.**

27 (II) **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

28 1. **DUES REGULARLY PAID FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A**  
29 **POLITICAL CLUB IF ALL OF THE MONEY THAT IS SPENT BY THAT POLITICAL CLUB IN**  
30 **CONNECTION WITH ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY IS PAID THROUGH A**  
31 **TREASURER AS PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE;**

32 2. **AN INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING THE INDIVIDUAL'S TIME**  
33 **OR PERSONAL VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-232 OF THIS TITLE;**

34 3. **AN EMPLOYER'S ACCUMULATION OF EMPLOYEE**  
35 **CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-241 OF THIS TITLE; OR**

36 4. **ADVERTISING COSTS OR OTHER EXPENSES INCIDENT TO**  
37 **THE EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL VIEWS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-102 OF THIS**  
38 **TITLE.**

1           (5)     **A PERSON MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAY OR PROMISE TO**  
2 **PAY A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IN A NAME OTHER THAN THE PERSON'S NAME.**

3           (6)     **A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY MAY**  
4 **NOT KNOWINGLY RECEIVE A PAYMENT OR PROMISE OF PAYMENT AND ENTER IT OR**  
5 **CAUSE IT TO BE ENTERED IN AN ACCOUNT BOOK IN A NAME THAT THE RESPONSIBLE**  
6 **OFFICER KNOWS IS NOT THE NAME OF THE PERSON THAT MADE THE PAYMENT OR**  
7 **THE PROMISE TO PAY.**

8           (7)     **AN EMPLOYER WHO PAYS EMPLOYEES IN ENVELOPES MAY NOT**  
9 **MARK ON OR ENCLOSE IN THE ENVELOPES A POLITICAL MOTTO, DEVICE, OR**  
10 **ARGUMENT THAT CONTAINS EXPRESS OR IMPLIED THREATS INTENDED TO**  
11 **INFLUENCE THE POLITICAL OPINIONS OR ACTIONS OF THOSE EMPLOYEES.**

12           (8)     **DURING THE 90 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION, AN EMPLOYER MAY**  
13 **NOT EXHIBIT IN THE EMPLOYER'S WORKPLACE:**

14                   (I)     **A THREAT, A NOTICE, OR INFORMATION THAT, ON THE**  
15 **ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF A PARTICULAR TICKET OR CANDIDATE:**

16                           1.     **WORK WILL CEASE, WHOLLY OR PARTLY;**

17                           2.     **THE WORKPLACE WILL CLOSE; OR**

18                           3.     **EMPLOYEES' WAGES WILL BE REDUCED; OR**

19                   (II)     **ANY OTHER THREAT, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INTENDED TO**  
20 **INFLUENCE THE POLITICAL OPINIONS OR ACTIONS OF THE EMPLOYER'S**  
21 **EMPLOYEES.**

22           (9)     **A PERSON MAY NOT PUBLISH OR DISTRIBUTE, OR CAUSE TO BE**  
23 **PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED, CAMPAIGN MATERIAL THAT VIOLATES § 13-401 OF**  
24 **THIS TITLE.**

25           (10)     **A CANDIDATE MAY NOT MAKE A PAYMENT, CONTRIBUTION, OR**  
26 **EXPENDITURE, OR INCUR A LIABILITY TO PAY, CONTRIBUTE, OR EXPEND, FROM THE**  
27 **CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL FUNDS ANY MONEY OR VALUABLE THING IN A MANNER**  
28 **NOT AUTHORIZED BY § 13-230 OF THIS TITLE.**

29           (B)     **PENALTY.**

30           **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND**  
31 **ON CONVICTION IS:**

32                   (1)     **SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT**  
33 **EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH; AND**

34                   (2)     **INELIGIBLE TO HOLD ANY PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE FOR 4 YEARS**  
35 **AFTER THE DATE OF THE OFFENSE.**

36           (C)     **PROSECUTION.**

1           (1)       THE STATE PROSECUTOR MAY PROSECUTE, IN ANY JURISDICTION OF  
2 THE STATE, A PERSON THAT THE STATE PROSECUTOR BELIEVES TO BE GUILTY OF A  
3 WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

4           (2)       A STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY PROSECUTE A PERSON THAT THE STATE'S  
5 ATTORNEY BELIEVES TO BE GUILTY OF A WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IN  
6 THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SERVES.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
8 change from former Art. 33, § 13-602.

9       In subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, the references to any "other"  
10 valuable thing are added for clarity and completeness in light of the  
11 references to "money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument" which  
12 also are valuable things.

13       In subsection (a)(1)(i), (2), and (3) of this section, the references to "an  
14 individual", question, or measure are substituted for the former reference  
15 to "a person", question, or measure for clarity.

16       In subsection (a)(1)(i) and (2) of this section, the reference to a "question" is  
17 substituted for the former reference to a "proposition" for consistency with  
18 the terminology used elsewhere in this article. *See, e.g.*, Title 7 of this  
19 article. Similarly, in subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to a  
20 "question" is added for consistency with the terminology in subsection  
21 (a)(1)(i) and (2) of this section and elsewhere in this article.

22       In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to inducing or procuring  
23 "that" person to vote or refrain from voting is substituted for the former  
24 reference to inducing or procuring "any" person for clarity and to avoid  
25 ambiguity.

26       Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to "by himself  
27 or by another" is deleted as included in the reference to "directly or  
28 indirectly".

29       In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former reference to a "candidate,  
30 committee, association, organization or corporation" is deleted as included  
31 in the reference to a "person".

32       Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to a "third" person is  
33 substituted for the former reference to "any" person for clarity and to avoid  
34 ambiguity.

35       In subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section, the former phrase "towards  
36 defraying" is deleted as included in the reference to "defray".

37       Also in subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section, the phrase referencing the  
38 defraying of the costs of "a campaign finance entity" is substituted for the  
39 former reference to defraying the costs or expenses of "any campaign or

1 election" for clarity.

2 Also in subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section, the reference to a "campaign  
3 finance entity" is substituted for the former reference to "any person,  
4 committee, company, organization or association, other than to a treasurer  
5 or subtreasurer" for clarity and consistency with the terminology used in  
6 this title. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this  
7 article.

8 In subsection (a)(4)(ii)1 of this section, the former reference to money  
9 expended by the club or in connection with the costs "or" expenses of any  
10 campaign or election is deleted as surplusage.

11 Also in subsection (a)(4)(ii)1 of this section, the word "title" is substituted  
12 for the former reference to "article" for clarity.

13 Also in subsection (a)(4)(ii)1 of this section, the former reference to a  
14 "subtreasurer" is deleted for consistency with § 13-218 of this title which  
15 holds the treasurer accountable for all assets of a campaign finance entity.

16 In subsection (a)(4)(ii)2 of this section, the reference to volunteering a  
17 vehicle "in accordance with § 13-232 of this title" is added for clarity.

18 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
19 General Assembly, that in subsection (a)(4)(ii)2 of this section the reference  
20 to "volunteering [a] ... personal vehicle" is ambiguous. For example, if an  
21 individual grants a candidate complete control of the individual's personal  
22 vehicle in connection with an election campaign, is that donation treated  
23 as a "contribution" under the Election Law Article? The General Assembly  
24 may wish to clarify this issue.

25 In subsection (a)(5) and (6) of this section, the references to a "campaign  
26 finance entity" are substituted for the former references to a "treasurer or  
27 subtreasurer, or candidate" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this  
28 title and § 1-101 of this article. Similarly, in subsection (a)(6) of this  
29 section, the reference to a "responsible officer" is added for clarity. *See* §  
30 1-101 of this article.

31 In subsection (a)(5) of this section, the former reference to a person paying  
32 "by himself or through another person" is deleted as included in the  
33 reference to a person paying "directly or indirectly".

34 In subsection (a)(7) of this section, the former references to "the salary or  
35 wages due" employees are deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference  
36 to an employer who "pays" the employees.

37 Also in subsection (a)(7) of this section, the former reference to that which  
38 is "written or printed" is deleted as included in the reference to "mark on".

39 In subsection (a)(7) and (8)(ii) of this section, the former reference to the



1 "calculated" threat of an employer is deleted as unnecessary in light of the  
2 reference to the employer's "intended" threat.

3 In subsection (a)(8) of this section, the references to an employer's  
4 "workplace" are substituted for the former references to an employer's  
5 "place or establishment" and "establishment" for clarity.

6 Also in subsection (a)(8) of this section, the reference to the period 90 days  
7 "before" an election is substituted for the former reference to the period 90  
8 days "of" an election for clarity.

9 Also in subsection (a)(8) of this section, the former reference to an  
10 employer who "puts" material in a workplace is deleted as included in the  
11 reference to "exhibit".

12 Also in subsection (a)(8) of this section, the former reference to a "handbill  
13 or placard" is deleted in light of the prohibition against a "threat, a notice,  
14 or information".

15 Also in subsection (a)(8) of this section, the former reference to a workplace  
16 "where his employees are engaged in labor" is deleted in light of the  
17 reference to the "employer's" workplace.

18 In subsection (a)(9) of this section, the former reference to a "campaign  
19 advertisement" is deleted as superfluous in light of the use of the defined  
20 term "campaign material" and the reference to § 13-401 of this title. *See* §  
21 1-101 of this article and § 13-401 of this title.

22 In subsection (a)(10) of this section, the former reference to "promot[ing]" a  
23 liability is deleted as redundant in light of the reference to the candidate  
24 "incur[ring]" a liability from the candidate's personal funds.

25 In subsection (b) of this section, the references to being "guilty of a  
26 misdemeanor" and a "conviction" are added to state expressly that which  
27 was only implied in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a  
28 felony at common law and has not been declared a felony by statute, is  
29 considered to be a misdemeanor. *See State v. Canova, 278 Md. 483, 490*  
30 *(1976), Bowser v. State, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920), Dutton v. State, 123 Md.*  
31 *373, 378 (1914), and Williams v. State, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).*

32 In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the former reference to "the regular  
33 course of criminal procedure" is deleted as unnecessary.

34 In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the former reference to "Baltimore City"  
35 is deleted as included in the definition of "county". *See* § 1-101 of this  
36 article.

37 Also in subsection (c)(2) of this section, with reference to the State's  
38 Attorney, the word "may" is substituted for the former reference to "shall  
39 be the duty of" because in the context of this subsection the requirement is

1 deemed to be directory and not mandatory.

2 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

3 "Campaign material" § 1-101

4 "Candidate" § 1-101

5 "Contribution" § 1-101

6 "County" § 1-101

7 "Election" § 1-101

8 "Expenditure" § 1-101

9 "Responsible officer" § 1-101

10 "Treasurer" § 1-101

11 **13-603. OTHER VIOLATIONS -- CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

12 **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON**  
13 **WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS TITLE IS GUILTY**  
14 **OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING**  
15 **\$25,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.**

16 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
17 **change from former Art. 33, § 13-603.**

18 **The former reference to the "discretion of the court" is deleted as implicit in**  
19 **setting maximum penalties.**

20 **The introductory clause "[e]xcept as otherwise expressly provided in this**  
21 **subtitle" is substituted for former Art. 33, § 13-603(b) and the introductory**  
22 **clause to former Art. 33, § 13-603(a) for brevity.**

23 **The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the**  
24 **General Assembly, that the specific penalty provided for violating the**  
25 **prohibited practices (that arguably may be quite egregious behavior)**  
26 **specified under § 13-602 of this title is significantly less than the general**  
27 **criminal penalty for a violation of this title established under this section.**

28 **13-604. SAME -- CIVIL PENALTIES.**

29 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

30 **(1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS TITLE WITHOUT**  
31 **KNOWING THAT THE ACT IS ILLEGAL SHALL PAY A CIVIL PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE**  
32 **WITH SUBSECTIONS (B) THROUGH (G) OF THIS SECTION.**

33 **(2) THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED**  
34 **\$5,000.**

35 **(3) AN INFRACTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION**  
36 **IS A CIVIL OFFENSE.**

1           (4)     **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VIOLATION OF ANOTHER**  
2 **SECTION IN WHICH A PENALTY IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED.**

3     **(B)     CIVIL CITATION.**

4           (1)     **IF THE STATE PROSECUTOR OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY WITH**  
5 **JURISDICTION DETERMINES THAT A PERSON UNINTENTIONALLY, AND WITHOUT**  
6 **CRIMINAL INTENT, HAS VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE**  
7 **PROSECUTOR, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR BOTH, SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A**  
8 **CIVIL CITATION THAT CONTAINS:**

9                   (I)     **THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON CITED;**

10                   (II)    **THE NATURE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE VIOLATION;**

11                   (III)   **THE MANNER IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURRED;**

12                   (IV)   **THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION;**

13                   (V)     **THE MANNER AND TIME IN WHICH TO PAY THE PENALTY;**

14                   (VI)    **WHERE TO PAY THE PENALTY; AND**

15                   (VII)   **A STATEMENT THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE CITATION**  
16 **HAS A RIGHT TO A TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT.**

17           (2)     **THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY WHO ISSUES A CITATION UNDER**  
18 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL FILE IT IN THE DISTRICT COURT.**

19     **(C)     SERVICE.**

20     **THE CITATION SHALL BE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND**  
21 **RULES.**

22     **(D)     TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURT; ADJUDICATION OF VIOLATION.**

23           (1)     **ON RECEIPT OF THE RETURN OF SERVICE, THE DISTRICT COURT**  
24 **SHALL SCHEDULE THE CASE FOR TRIAL AND NOTIFY THE PERSON NAMED IN THE**  
25 **CITATION OF THE TRIAL DATE.**

26           (2)     **THE TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE**  
27 **SAME MANNER AS SET FORTH FOR MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 23A, §**  
28 **3(B)(8) THROUGH (15) OF THE CODE.**

29           (3)     **THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL REMIT TO THE STATE BOARD ALL LATE**  
30 **FEES COLLECTED.**

31           (4)     **AN ADJUDICATION OF A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:**

32                   (I)     **IS NOT A CRIMINAL CONVICTION; AND**

1 (II) DOES NOT CARRY WITH IT ANY OF THE CIVIL DISABILITIES  
2 THAT ARISE FROM A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

3 (E) COSTS.

4 A PERSON WHO IS ADJUDICATED IN VIOLATION AS SET FORTH IN A CITATION  
5 ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS LIABLE FOR THE COST OF THE  
6 DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

7 (F) FAILURE TO APPEAR.

8 IF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SERVED WITH A CITATION FAILS TO APPEAR FOR  
9 TRIAL, THE COURT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROSECUTOR, MAY DISMISS THE  
10 CITATION OR ENTER A CIVIL JUDGMENT AGAINST THE PERSON:

11 (1) IN FAVOR OF THE STATE BOARD;

12 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES; AND

13 (3) IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM FINE SET FORTH IN  
14 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY LATE FEES OWED TO THE STATE BOARD.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
16 change from former Art. 33, § 13-604.

17 In subsections (a)(1) and (2) and (b)(1)(iv), (v), and (vi) of this section, the  
18 references to a "penalty" are substituted for the former references to a  
19 "fine" for clarity.

20 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the requirement that "[t]he prosecuting  
21 authority" file a citation in the District Court is added as implicit.

22 Also in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to the District  
23 Court "having proper venue" is deleted in light of the general venue  
24 provisions in CJ § 6-201.

25 In subsection (c) of this section, the requirement that "[t]he citation shall  
26 be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules" is substituted for former  
27 Art. 33, § 13-604(c) and (d) for clarity, specificity, and accuracy.

28 In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the former phrase "and to the same  
29 extent" is deleted as surplusage.

30 In subsection (d)(3) of this section, the requirement that the "District  
31 Court" remit certain late fees that it collects to the State Board is added as  
32 implicit.

33 In subsection (d)(4) of this section, the former word "ordinarily",  
34 referencing civil disabilities that arise from a civil conviction, is deleted as  
35 surplusage.

1 Also in subsection (d)(4) of this section, the phrase referencing an  
2 adjudication that does not "carry with it" certain civil disabilities is  
3 substituted for the former reference to an adjudication that does not  
4 "impose" any civil disabilities for clarity.

5 In subsection (e) of this section, the reference to a person who is  
6 "adjudicated in" violation of the law is substituted for the former reference  
7 to a person "found to have committed" the violation for consistency with  
8 subsection (d)(4) of this section.

9 In subsection (f) of this section, the reference to the authority of a court to  
10 "enter" a civil judgment is substituted for the former reference to the  
11 "grant" of a civil judgment for accuracy.

12 Defined term: "State Board" § 1-101

13 13-605. INJUNCTION.

14 (A) IN GENERAL.

15 THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY SEEK AN IMMEDIATE INJUNCTION AGAINST  
16 ANY VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

17 (B) VIOLATION OF INJUNCTION.

18 A PERSON WHO VIOLATES AN INJUNCTION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:

19 (1) IS IN CRIMINAL CONTEMPT; AND

20 (2) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO  
21 A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$250 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH.

22 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
23 change from former Art. 33, § 13-605.

24 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to being "guilty of a  
25 misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in  
26 the former law by reference to a "conviction". In this State, any crime that  
27 was not a felony at common law and has not been declared a felony by  
28 statute, is considered to be a misdemeanor. *See State v. Canova*, 278 Md.  
29 483, 490 (1976), *Bowser v. State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920), *Dutton v. State*,  
30 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914), and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

31 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
32 General Assembly, that the requirement in subsection (a) of this section  
33 that the "Secretary of State" seek an injunction against any violation of the  
34 campaign finance law may be obsolete. The General Assembly may wish to  
35 give this enforcement power to the State Board of Elections rather than  
36 the Secretary of State.

1 Defined term: "State Board" § 1-101

2 GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO TITLE:

3 Throughout this title, the defined term "campaign finance report" is substituted  
4 for the former references to a "report", "campaign fund report", "report of  
5 contributions and expenditures", "statement", and other similar references for clarity  
6 and consistency. *See* § 1-101 of this article for the definition of "campaign finance  
7 report".

8 Also throughout this title, the defined term "campaign finance entity" is  
9 substituted for the former references to a "political committee", "candidate",  
10 "candidate and treasurer", "treasurer and chairman", "authorized candidate  
11 campaign committee", "slate", "treasurer of [a] slate", and other similar references, as  
12 appropriate, for clarity, brevity, and consistency. *See* § 1-101 of this article for the  
13 definition of "campaign finance entity".

14 Also throughout this title, the former references to a "candidate for nomination  
15 or election to public or private office" are deleted as included in the definition of  
16 "candidate". *See* § 1-101 of this article for the definition of "candidate".

17 Also throughout this title, the former references to "Baltimore City" are deleted  
18 in light of the definition of "county". *See* § 1-101 of this article for the definition of  
19 "county".

20 Also throughout this title, the reference to a "continuing political committee" to  
21 describe a political committee which continues in existence from year to year, are  
22 added for clarity. For the definition of "continuing political committee", *see* § 1-101 of  
23 this article.

24 Also throughout this title, the former phrase "including political clubs" is  
25 deleted as redundant and for consistency with the advice provided by the Attorney  
26 General indicating that in all cases a reference to a "political committee" includes a  
27 political club unless expressly excluded. *See* Letter of Advice dated January 23, 1978,  
28 to the Honorable Donald P. Hutchinson, Maryland State Senate, from George A.  
29 Nilson, Deputy Attorney General. In accordance with this advice, the Election Law  
30 Article Review Committee has deleted all references to "including political club[s]"  
31 and retained specific references to a political club only in those instances where  
32 former Article 33 expressly excluded a political club from a provision that otherwise  
33 was intended to apply to all political committees.

34 TITLE 14. DISCLOSURE BY PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS.

35 14-101. DEFINITIONS.

36 (A) IN GENERAL.

37 IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

38 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 14-101(a).

1 The only changes are in style.

2 (B) APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION.

3 "APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS A CONTRIBUTION TO A CANDIDATE, OR A  
4 SERIES OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS, IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$500.

5 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
6 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 14-101(e)(1).

7 The defined term "[a]pplicable contribution" is substituted for the former  
8 defined term "contribution" for clarity and accuracy in order to distinguish  
9 an "applicable contribution" from a regular "contribution". See § 1-101 of  
10 this article.

11 The phrase "a contribution to a candidate, or a series of such contributions,  
12 in a cumulative amount" is added for clarity and consistency with the other  
13 provisions of this title.

14 The former reference to a "gift, donation, or payment of money" is deleted  
15 in light of the use of the defined term "contribution". See § 1-101 of this  
16 article and subsection (f) of this section.

17 (C) BUSINESS ENTITY.

18 "BUSINESS ENTITY" INCLUDES A FIRM, CORPORATION, TRUST,  
19 UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATION, WHETHER OR NOT  
20 CONDUCTED FOR PROFIT.

21 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 14-101(c).

22 No changes are made.

23 (D) CANDIDATE.

24 "CANDIDATE" INCLUDES AN INCUMBENT OFFICE HOLDER.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
26 substantive change from part of former Art. 33, § 14-101(d), as it defined  
27 "candidate" to include an incumbent office holder.

28 The balance of former Art. 33, § 14-101(d) is revised in § 14-103 of this  
29 subtitle.

30 (E) CONTRACT.

31 "CONTRACT" INCLUDES A SALE, PURCHASE, LEASE, OR OTHER AGREEMENT.

32 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity and  
33 brevity in order to avoid the repetitive use of the phrase "sale[s],  
34 purchase[s], lease[s], or contract[s]".

1 (F) CONTRIBUTION.

2 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, "CONTRIBUTION"  
3 HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 (2) "CONTRIBUTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

5 (I) A BONA FIDE GIFT BY A SPOUSE OR RELATIVE WITHIN THE  
6 THIRD DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY; OR

7 (II) AN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN A SOCIAL, SERVICE, OR  
8 FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION PRESENTED AS A COURTESY BY THE ORGANIZATION.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
10 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 14-101(e), except as it set a  
11 threshold of \$500.

12 The balance of former Art. 33, § 14-101(e) is revised in § 14-101(b) of this  
13 subtitle.

14 The former statement that a contribution includes the "purchase of a ticket  
15 or tickets" is deleted in light of the definition of a "contribution" in § 1-101  
16 of this article. Similarly, the former reference to "payment for admission to  
17 a dinner, barbecue, fish fry, or other like event" is deleted.

18 (G) DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS.

19 (1) "DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS" MEANS MAKING, DURING ANY 12-MONTH  
20 PERIOD, ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS WITH ONE OR MORE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES  
21 INVOLVING CUMULATIVE CONSIDERATION OF AT LEAST \$100,000.

22 (2) "DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS" DOES NOT INCLUDE RECEIVING A  
23 SALARY FROM A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
25 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 14-101(b)(2) and the first and  
26 third sentences of (1).

27 The word "public" is added to the definition of "business" for clarity and for  
28 consistency with the description of this title.

29 In paragraph (1) of this subsection, the defined term "contract[s]" is  
30 substituted for the former reference to "sales, purchases, leases, or  
31 contracts" for brevity.

32 Also in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the word "more" is substituted for  
33 the former phrase "combination of" for clarity.

34 Also in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the reference to contracts entered  
35 into "during any 12-month period" is substituted for the former reference  
36 to contracts entered into "during the twelve months immediately preceding



1 the end of the reporting period for which the statement required under this  
2 title is filed" for clarity and consistency with the operative provisions of  
3 this title. *See, e.g.*, § 14-104 of this title.

4 (H) GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

5 "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" MEANS:

6 (1) THE STATE, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR OTHER  
7 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND

8 (2) A UNIT OF THE STATE, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR  
9 OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
11 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 14-101(g).

12 In items (1) and (2) of this subsection, the references to an "other political  
13 subdivision of the State" are added for clarity and to conform to the other  
14 provisions of this title.

15 In item (2) of this subsection, the reference to a "unit" is substituted for the  
16 former reference to "agencies" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this  
17 article.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION:

19 Former Art. 33, § 14-101(f), which defined "person" to include "an  
20 individual and a business entity", is deleted as unnecessary in light of Art.  
21 1, § 15.

22 14-102. APPLICABILITY.

23 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED UNDER § 1-101  
24 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DEEMED, AS THE CASE MAY BE, TO INCLUDE OR APPLY  
25 TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS OR HOLDS ELECTIVE OFFICE IN A MUNICIPAL  
26 CORPORATION AND A CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING ENTITY FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to clarify that this title  
28 applies to certain campaign contributions to candidates for election to, and  
29 elected office holders in, municipal corporations.

30 14-103. ATTRIBUTION OF CONTRIBUTION TO CANDIDATE.

31 A CONTRIBUTION TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF A CANDIDATE SHALL BE  
32 DEEMED TO BE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CANDIDATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
33 TITLE.

34 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
35 change from former Art. 33, § 14-101(d), as it concerned campaign finance  
36 entities.

1 The defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
2 reference to "a political committee". *See* General Revisor's Note to this  
3 article and § 1-101 of this article.

4 The balance of former Art. 33, § 14-101(d) is revised in § 14-101(d) of this  
5 subtitle.

6 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

7 "Candidate" § 1-101

8 "Contribution" § 1-101

9 **14-104. STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

10 (A) **IN GENERAL.**

11 **A PERSON DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS SHALL FILE A STATEMENT WITH THE**  
12 **STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.**

13 (B) **REQUIREMENT.**

14 (1) **WHEN A CONTRACT IS MADE THAT CAUSES A PERSON TO BE DOING**  
15 **PUBLIC BUSINESS, AN INITIAL STATEMENT SHALL BE FILED:**

16 (I) **AT THAT TIME, COVERING THE PRECEDING 24 MONTHS, IF THE**  
17 **PERSON HAS MADE AN APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION WITHIN THAT PERIOD; OR**

18 (II) **IF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY,**  
19 **BUT THE PERSON SUBSEQUENTLY MAKES AN APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION DURING A**  
20 **REPORTING PERIOD SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AS**  
21 **REQUIRED BY THAT PARAGRAPH.**

22 (2) (I) **A PERSON SHALL FILE A SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT IN**  
23 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH FOR EACH REPORTING PERIOD SPECIFIED IN**  
24 **SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN WHICH THE PERSON HAS MADE AN**  
25 **APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION IF:**

26 1. **PERFORMANCE REMAINS UNCOMPLETED ON ANY**  
27 **CONTRACT THAT CAUSED THE PERSON TO BE DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS; OR**

28 2. **THE PERSON IS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS.**

29 (II) 1. **THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF**  
30 **THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL COVER 6-MONTH REPORTING PERIODS ENDING ON**  
31 **JANUARY 31 AND JULY 31.**

32 2. **A STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**  
33 **PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE APPLICABLE**  
34 **REPORTING PERIOD.**

35 (C) **CONTENTS AND OATH.**

1           (1)     **THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE**  
2 **UNDER OATH AND SHALL CONTAIN:**

3                    (I)     **THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE TO WHOM AN APPLICABLE**  
4 **CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE OR CAUSED TO BE MADE DURING THE REPORTING**  
5 **PERIOD AND, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, DURING THE PRECEDING REPORTING**  
6 **PERIOD;**

7                    (II)    **THE OFFICE SOUGHT BY EACH CANDIDATE NAMED IN ITEM (I)**  
8 **OF THIS PARAGRAPH;**

9                    (III)   **THE AMOUNT OF AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO EACH**  
10 **CANDIDATE NAMED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;**

11                   (IV)   **THE NAME OF EACH UNIT OF A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY WITH**  
12 **WHICH THE PERSON DID PUBLIC BUSINESS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD;**

13                   (V)     **THE NATURE AND AMOUNT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS DONE WITH**  
14 **EACH UNIT OF A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND**

15                   (VI)   **IF THE PUBLIC BUSINESS WAS DONE OR THE CONTRIBUTION**  
16 **WAS MADE BY ANOTHER PERSON BUT IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PERSON FILING THE**  
17 **STATEMENT, THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO DID THE PUBLIC BUSINESS OR MADE**  
18 **THE CONTRIBUTION AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON TO THE PERSON**  
19 **FILING THE STATEMENT.**

20                   (2)     **THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1)(IV) AND (V) OF THIS**  
21 **SUBSECTION MAY BE OMITTED ON THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY**  
22 **GENERAL IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FINDS THAT:**

23                    (I)     **REQUIRING THE INFORMATION WOULD BE UNDULY**  
24 **BURDENSOME;**

25                    (II)    **THE PUBLIC INTEREST WOULD NOT BE IMPAIRED**  
26 **SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE OMISSION OF THIS INFORMATION; AND**

27                    (III)   **THE PERSON FILING THE STATEMENT STIPULATES THAT THE**  
28 **PERSON HAS DONE PUBLIC BUSINESS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

29            (D)     **CUSTODIAN.**

30                    (1)     **THE STATE BOARD SHALL RETAIN EACH STATEMENT FILED UNDER**  
31 **THIS TITLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AFTER ITS RECEIPT AND**  
32 **SHALL MAKE THE STATEMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPYING**  
33 **DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.**

34                    (2)     **THE STATE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH REASONABLE FEES AND**  
35 **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES GOVERNING PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPYING**  
36 **OF THE STATEMENTS FILED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

1 (E) FORMS.

2 THE STATE BOARD SHALL PRESCRIBE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR THE  
3 STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
5 change from former Art. 33, § 14-102.

6 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
7 General Assembly, that former Art. 33, § 14-102 is ambiguous and  
8 inconsistent in parts and, as a consequence, is not a model of clarity  
9 regarding the schedule for filing initial reports of contributions, the trigger  
10 for reporting contributions, and the period during which reporting is  
11 required in the absence of new contracts. The revision encompassed by this  
12 section represents an interpretation that is consistent with the advice of,  
13 and the administration of this title by, the State Board, and with the notice  
14 and reporting requirements under §§ 13-218, 13-221, and 17-402 of the  
15 State Finance and Procurement Article.

16 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to the time a contract is  
17 "made" is substituted for the former reference to the "completion" of the  
18 contract, for clarity, specificity, and consistency with the legal advice  
19 provided to the State Board in a letter dated June 19, 1998, to Helen L.  
20 Koss, Chairman of the State Administrative Board of Elections, et al, from  
21 Kathleen Hoke Dachille, Assistant Attorney General, advising the State  
22 Board that the execution of the sale, purchase, lease, or contract should be  
23 the operative standard.

24 Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the phrase "24 months" is  
25 substituted for the former reference to the "2 calendar years" for clarity  
26 and specificity and to avoid a gap, which the Election Law Article Review  
27 Committee presumes to be unintended, in the required reporting period of  
28 applicable contributions and for consistency with the advice given to the  
29 State Board in the Dachille letter dated June 19, 1998, to Helen L. Koss  
30 referenced above. Similarly, the reference to the "initial" reporting period  
31 is added.

32 In subsection (b)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section, the references to the defined  
33 term "applicable contributions" are added. *See* § 14-101 of this title.

34 In subsection (c)(1)(iv) and (v) of this section, the defined term  
35 "governmental entity" is substituted for the former references to "the  
36 State, a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision" for  
37 clarity and brevity.

38 Also in subsection (c)(1)(iv) and (v) of this section, the references to a "unit"  
39 are added. *See* General Revisor's Note to this article.

40 In subsection (c)(1)(vi) of this section, the former reference to statements  
41 filed "under § 14-103 of this title" is deleted as surplusage.

1 In subsection (c)(2)(iii) of this section, the former reference to a person who  
2 has done "the requisite" public business is deleted as surplusage.

3 Also in subsection (c)(2)(iii) of this section, the reference to the "reporting  
4 period" is substituted for the former reference to "the period in question"  
5 for clarity.

6 Also in subsection (c)(2)(iii) of this section, the former reference to business  
7 done "in the amount of \$100,000 or more" is deleted in light of the defined  
8 term "do[ing] public business".

9 In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the former reference to filing a  
10 statement "with the State Board" is deleted in light of subsection (a) of this  
11 section to the same effect.

12 In subsection (e) of this section, the word "prescribe" is substituted for the  
13 former word "prepare" for clarity and consistency with the terminology  
14 used in Title 13 of this article.

15 **Defined terms: "Applicable contribution" § 14-101**

16 "Candidate" § 14-101

17 "Contract" § 14-101

18 "Contribution" § 1-101

19 "Doing public business" § 14-101

20 "Governmental entity" § 14-101

21 "State Board" § 1-101

22 **14-105. ATTRIBUTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

23 (A) **BUSINESS ENTITIES.**

24 **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRIBUTION**  
25 **MADE BY AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY OR, IF MADE**  
26 **AT THE SUGGESTION OR DIRECTION OF A BUSINESS ENTITY, BY AN EMPLOYEE,**  
27 **AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON, SHALL BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE BUSINESS ENTITY.**

28 (B) **OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND PARTNERS.**

29 **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, EACH OFFICER,**  
30 **DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY WHO MAKES OR CAUSES TO BE**  
31 **MADE A CONTRIBUTION SHALL REPORT THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHIEF**  
32 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY.**

33 (C) **EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND OTHER AFFILIATED PERSONS.**

34 **EACH EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON WHO, AT THE SUGGESTION OR**  
35 **DIRECTION OF A BUSINESS ENTITY, MAKES A CONTRIBUTION OR CAUSES A**  
36 **CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE, SHALL REPORT THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHIEF**  
37 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY.**

1 (D) SUBSIDIARY BUSINESS ENTITIES.

2 (1) BUSINESS DONE WITH A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY BY A SUBSIDIARY  
 3 OF A BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE BUSINESS ENTITY IF 30% OR  
 4 MORE OF THE EQUITY OF THE SUBSIDIARY IS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE  
 5 BUSINESS ENTITY.

6 (2) CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY, CAUSED TO BE MADE BY, OR ATTRIBUTED  
 7 TO A SUBSIDIARY DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
 8 ATTRIBUTED TO THE BUSINESS ENTITY.

9 (E) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

10 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CONTRIBUTION  
 11 MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES AS A TRUSTEE OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
 12 DIRECTORS OF A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE  
 13 ORGANIZATION, AND THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT THE  
 14 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION.

15 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF:

16 (I) THE CONTRIBUTION IS MADE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF  
 17 THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION; OR

18 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
 19 SUBSECTION IS PAID BY THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
 21 change from former Art. 33, §§ 14-103 and 14-101(h).

22 In this section, the reference to a "contribution" by an officer, director,  
 23 partner, employee, agent, etc., which must be reported to, and be  
 24 attributed to, a business entity, is revised to apply to all contributions -  
 25 and not merely applicable contributions (*i.e.*, those contributions in excess  
 26 of \$500) - made by each such officer, director, partner, employee, agent,  
 27 etc. The Election Law Article Review Committee presumes that this is the  
 28 intent of the General Assembly.

29 In subsection (a) of this section, the former requirement that certain  
 30 contributions "be included in the statement filed by the business entity as  
 31 though made directly by it" is deleted as implicit in the requirement that  
 32 the contributions be "attributed to the business entity" and reported by the  
 33 business entity under § 14-104 of this title. Similarly, in subsections (d)  
 34 and (e) of this section, respectively, the former phrases "included in the  
 35 statement filed by the parent" and "included in the statement of  
 36 contributions filed by the organization", respectively, are deleted.

37 Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former phrase "[f]or the purposes  
 38 of this title," is deleted as surplusage. Similarly, in subsections (d)(2) and  
 39 (e)(2) of this section, the former phrase "for purposes of this title" is

1 deleted.

2 In subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the former phrase "so that it may  
3 be included in the statement filed by the business entity" is deleted as  
4 surplusage. Similarly, in subsection (e) of this section, the former  
5 requirement that a contribution is "[r]equired to be included in the  
6 statement of contributions filed by the organization under this title" is  
7 deleted.

8 In subsection (b) of this section, the disjunctive reference to each officer,  
9 director, "or" partner of a business entity is substituted for the former  
10 conjunctive, misleading, and ambiguous reference to each officer, director,  
11 "and" partner of a business entity for clarity.

12 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a contribution  
13 "which, if made by the business entity, would have to be disclosed under  
14 this title" is deleted as included in the attribution standard under  
15 subsection (a) of this section.

16 **Defined terms: "Business entity" § 14-101**

17 **"Contribution" § 1-101**

18 **14-106. CONTRACTS -- TIME OF ATTRIBUTION.**

19 **IF A CONTRACT INVOLVES CONSIDERATION TO BE PAID OVER MULTIPLE**  
20 **REPORTING PERIODS, THE TOTAL ASCERTAINABLE CONSIDERATION TO BE PAID**  
21 **UNDER THE CONTRACT SHALL BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DATE WHEN THE**  
22 **CONTRACT IS MADE.**

23 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
24 **change from the second sentence of former Art. 33, § 14-101(b)(1).**

25 **The defined term "contract" is substituted for the former reference to an**  
26 **"agreement" for consistency with other provisions of this title.**

27 **The reference to consideration "attributable to" the date of execution is**  
28 **substituted for the former reference to "business done during" the**  
29 **reporting period for clarity and consistency with the operative provisions of**  
30 **this title.**

31 **Defined term: "Contract" § 14-101**

32 **14-107. VIOLATIONS.**

33 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

34 **A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS TITLE IS GUILTY**  
35 **OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING**  
36 **\$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.**

1 (B) DERIVATIVE LIABILITY.

2 AN OFFICER OR PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY WHO KNOWINGLY  
3 AUTHORIZES OR PARTICIPATES IN A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE BY THE BUSINESS  
4 ENTITY IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
7 change from former Art. 33, § 14-104(a).

8 In subsection (a) of this section, the word "violates" is substituted for the  
9 former phrase "fails to comply with the requirements of" for clarity.

10 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a business entity  
11 that is "not a natural person" is deleted as surplusage.

12 Defined term: "Business entity" § 14-101

13 14-108. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

14 THIS TITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE FULL DISCLOSURE.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 14-104(b).

16 No changes are made.

17 TITLE 15. PUBLIC FINANCING ACT.

18 15-101. PURPOSE.

19 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THAT OUR SYSTEM OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DEPENDS IN PART ON GUARANTEEING THAT  
21 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS ARE FUNDED BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE AND ON ELIMINATING  
22 THE CORRUPTING AND UNDEMOCRATIC EFFECTS OF LARGE PRIVATE  
23 CONTRIBUTIONS. ACCORDINGLY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES  
24 THAT AN EQUITABLE MEANS OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING IS NECESSARY IN  
25 THESE TIMES IN ORDER FOR REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY TO CONTINUE TO  
26 FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 15-101.

28 The only changes are in style.

29 Defined term: "Election" § 1-101

30 15-102. DEFINITIONS.

31 (A) IN GENERAL.

32 IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.



1 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 15-102(a).

2 The former phrase "unless otherwise provided" is deleted as an  
3 unnecessary statement of a normal rule of statutory construction.

4 The only other changes are in style.

5 (B) COMPROLLER.

6 "COMPROLLER" MEANS THE COMPROLLER OF THE STATE.

7 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 15-102(c).

8 The only changes are in style.

9 (C) ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET.

10 "ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET" MEANS A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET THAT  
11 QUALIFIES TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 15-102(d).

13 As to the substitution of the phrase "gubernatorial ticket" for the former  
14 word "candidate", *see* the Revisor's Note to subsection (f) of this section.

15 The only other changes are in style.

16 (D) ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION.

17 "ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THAT PART OF A MONETARY OR  
18 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OR SERIES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL THAT  
19 DOES NOT EXCEED \$250.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
21 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(e).

22 The former reference to a "campaign" contribution is deleted in light of the  
23 definition of "contribution" in § 1-101 of this article.

24 Defined term: "Contribution" § 1-101

25 (E) FUND.

26 "FUND" MEANS THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND".

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 33, § 15-102(f).

28 No changes are made.

29 (F) GUBERNATORIAL TICKET.

1 "GUBERNATORIAL TICKET" MEANS A GOVERNOR-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
2 UNIT.

3 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
4 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(b).

5 The term "[g]ubernatorial ticket" is substituted for the former term  
6 "[c]andidate" for clarity and because the Governor and Lieutenant  
7 Governor may not run for office as *individual* candidates but must run as  
8 a unit. Moreover, the defined term "candidate" is used throughout this  
9 article to mean *an* individual who runs for office. See § 1-101 of this  
10 article.

11 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
12 General Assembly, that this title appears to envision that a gubernatorial  
13 ticket must formally file a certificate of candidacy as a unit *before* seeking  
14 to qualify for public financing under this title. Current law apparently  
15 excludes an *individual* seeking the gubernatorial nomination from being  
16 eligible to qualify for public financing in the early stages of an election  
17 campaign *before* the individual has formally designated a lieutenant  
18 governor candidate as a running mate under § 5-205 of this article. This  
19 result seems anomalous in light of the usual treatment of a governor and  
20 lieutenant governor candidate under this article wherein *each* candidate  
21 has a separate contribution limit per election cycle. See, e.g., letter dated  
22 July 30, 1997 from Mary O. Lunden, Assistant Attorney General, to Bruce  
23 L. Marcus, Esquire.

24 (G) PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

25 "PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONEY DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FUND TO A  
26 GUBERNATORIAL TICKET UNDER THIS TITLE.

27 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
28 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(g).

29 As to the substitution of the phrase "gubernatorial ticket" for the former  
30 word "candidate", see the Revisor's Note to subsection (f) of this section.

31 (H) SEED MONEY.

32 "SEED MONEY" MEANS CUMULATIVE ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS  
33 EQUALING 10% OR MORE OF THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT PRESCRIBED UNDER § 15-105  
34 OF THIS TITLE FOR AN ELECTION.

35 REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without  
36 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(h).

37 The reference to contributions equaling 10% "or more" of the expenditure  
38 limit is added for clarity.

1 The reference to "cumulative" eligible private contributions is substituted  
2 for the former reference to "a sum of lawfully raised" eligible private  
3 contributions for clarity.

4 The former reference to "lawfully raised" eligible private contributions is  
5 deleted as surplusage. Similarly, the former reference to the "maximum  
6 campaign" expenditure limit is deleted.

7 (I) TREASURER.

8 (1) "TREASURER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THIS  
9 ARTICLE.

10 (2) "TREASURER" INCLUDES A SUBTREASURER.

11 REVISOR'S NOTE: Paragraph (1) of this subsection is new language added for  
12 clarity.

13 Paragraph (2) of this subsection is new language derived without  
14 substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(i).

15 In paragraph (2) of this section, the former reference to a "campaign"  
16 subtreasurer is deleted as surplusage.

17 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
18 General Assembly, that the inclusion of a "subtreasurer" in the definition  
19 of "treasurer" may have substantive implications and raises questions  
20 concerning the rights, duties, responsibilities, and personal liability of the  
21 subtreasurer under this title as compared to the rights, duties,  
22 responsibilities, and personal liability of subtreasurers under the other  
23 provisions of this article. Elsewhere in this article, subtreasurers generally  
24 provide administrative assistance to the treasurer, but are not granted the  
25 same authority nor held to the same standards as treasurers.

26 15-103. FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND.

27 (A) ESTABLISHED.

28 THERE IS A FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND.

29 (B) ADMINISTRATION.

30 THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
31 SECTION.

32 (C) TAX ADD-ON SYSTEM.

33 FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ESTABLISH A TAX  
34 ADD-ON SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND:

1 (1) BY AN INDIVIDUAL, OTHER THAN A NONRESIDENT ALIEN, FILING A  
2 PERSONAL STATE INCOME TAX RETURN; AND

3 (2) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.

4 (D) MONEY IN FUND.

5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL:

6 (1) CREDIT TO THE FUND ALL MONEY COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE;

7 (2) SUBJECT TO THE USUAL INVESTING PROCEDURES FOR STATE  
8 FUNDS, INVEST THE MONEY IN THE FUND; AND

9 (3) MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FUND PROMPTLY ON  
10 AUTHORIZATION BY THE STATE BOARD.

11 (E) PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTIONS.

12 THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

13 (1) ONLY ON AUTHORIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD; AND

14 (2) AS TO EACH ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET, TO THE SAME  
15 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT OF A SINGLE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ESTABLISHED  
16 UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (F) REPORT OF FUND BALANCE.

18 THE COMPTROLLER SHALL SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF THE FUND'S BALANCE TO  
19 THE STATE BOARD AT THE STATE BOARD'S REQUEST AND ON MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
21 change from former Art. 33, §§ 15-109 and 15-104(a), (f), and (e)(2).

22 In subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to a limit "per tax  
23 filer" is deleted as surplusage and as included in the reference to an  
24 "individual".

25 In subsection (e)(2) of this section, the defined term "eligible gubernatorial  
26 ticket" is substituted for the former phrase "eligible candidate". See the  
27 Revisor's Note to § 15-102(c) and (f), respectively, of this title.

28 Also in subsection (e)(2) of this section, the phrase "the same campaign  
29 account of a single campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former  
30 phrase "single campaign depository" for consistency with the terminology  
31 used throughout this article. See General Revisor's Note to Title 13 of this  
32 article and the defined term "campaign finance entity" in § 1-101 of this  
33 article.

1 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

2 "Comptroller" § 15-102

3 "Contribution" § 1-101

4 "Eligible gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102

5 "Fund" § 15-102

6 "State Board" § 1-101

7 **15-104. ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET -- QUALIFICATION.**

8 **A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC**  
9 **CONTRIBUTION FOR AN ELECTION ON THE DATE SPECIFIED BY REGULATION**  
10 **ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE IF:**

11 (1) **THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET HAS RAISED SEED MONEY;**

12 (2) **THE SEED MONEY IS REFUNDABLE ONLY IF THE GUBERNATORIAL**  
13 **TICKET WITHDRAWS AS A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET; AND**

14 (3) **AS CERTIFIED BY THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET'S TREASURER ON A**  
15 **FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD, THE SEED MONEY WAS:**

16 (I) **RAISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE; AND**

17 (II) **RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 1 OF THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY**  
18 **PRECEDING THE YEAR OF THAT ELECTION.**

19 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
20 **change from former Art. 33, § 15-105(a).**

21 **In the introductory language of this section, the phrase "for an election" is**  
22 **added for clarity and accuracy.**

23 **In item (2) of this section, the reference to withdrawing as a "gubernatorial**  
24 **ticket" is substituted for the former reference to withdrawing "from the**  
25 **ballot" for accuracy.**

26 **As to the substitution of the defined term "gubernatorial ticket" for the**  
27 **former reference to a "candidate", see the Revisor's Note to § 15-102(f) of**  
28 **this title.**

29 **Defined terms: "Gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102**

30 "Public contribution" § 15-102

31 "Seed money" § 15-102

32 "State Board" § 1-101

33 "Treasurer" § 1-101

34 **15-105. SAME -- EXPENDITURE LIMITATION.**

35 (A) **IN GENERAL.**

1           (1)     **A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET THAT ACCEPTS A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION**  
2 **FROM THE FUND FOR AN ELECTION MAY NOT SPEND, IN THAT ELECTION, MORE**  
3 **THAN THE PRODUCT OF 30 CENTS, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BEGINNING JANUARY 1,**  
4 **1997, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, TIMES THE POPULATION**  
5 **OF THE STATE AS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

6           (2)     **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

7                   (I)     **APPLIES SEPARATELY TO EACH PRIMARY AND GENERAL**  
8 **ELECTION; AND**

9                   (II)    **DOES NOT APPLY TO EXPENDITURES MADE ON BEHALF OF A**  
10 **GUBERNATORIAL TICKET BY A STATE OR LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**

11    **(B)     CERTIFICATION OF LIMIT.**

12    **THE STATE BOARD SHALL CERTIFY THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR EACH**  
13 **ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.**

14    **(C)     DETERMINATION OF POPULATION.**

15    **THE POPULATION OF THE STATE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD**  
16 **AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MORE**  
17 **RECENT OF:**

18           (1)     **THE MOST RECENT DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES; OR**

19           (2)     **ANY POPULATION ESTIMATE PREPARED FOR THE STATE BY THE**  
20 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.**

21    **(D)     LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS.**

22    **THE MEMBERS OF THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET AND, IF ASSOCIATED WITH**  
23 **THE EXPENDITURE, THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
24 **ENTITY ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE CIVILLY AND CRIMINALLY FOR AN**  
25 **EXPENDITURE MADE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

26 **REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a)(1) and (2)(ii), (c), and (d) of this section are**  
27 **new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, §**  
28 **15-103.**

29 **Subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section is new language added for clarity and**  
30 **accuracy.**

31 **Subsection (b) of this section is new language added for clarity and for**  
32 **consistency with other provisions of this title.**

33 **In subsections (a) and (d) of this section, the defined term "gubernatorial**  
34 **ticket" is substituted for the former word "candidate". See the Revisor's**  
35 **Note to § 15-102(f) of this title.**

1 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to accepting a contribution  
2 from the Fund "for an election" is added for clarity and accuracy.

3 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a  
4 "gubernatorial ticket" that "applies for" a public contribution is deleted as  
5 implicit. A ticket may not accept money from the Fund unless the ticket  
6 first notifies the State Board of its intent to qualify for a public  
7 contribution and then submits a formal request for a public contribution.  
8 *See* § 15-109(b)(2) of this title.

9 In subsection (c) of this section, the former phrase "[f]or purposes of this  
10 section" is deleted as surplusage.

11 Also in subsection (c) of this section, the reference to the determination of  
12 the population of the State "by the State Board" is added for clarity and in  
13 light of the requirement in § 15-109(a)(1) of this title for the State Board to  
14 administer this title.

15 In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to "members of the"  
16 gubernatorial ticket is added for clarity and consistency with the purpose  
17 of this subsection to impose joint and several liability on each candidate,  
18 *i.e.*, the members of a gubernatorial ticket, and any chairman or treasurer,  
19 for a violation of this title.

20 Also in subsection (d) of this section, the defined term "responsible officer"  
21 is substituted for the former reference to "any chairman or treasurer". *See*  
22 § 1-101 of this article.

23 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
24 General Assembly, that subsection (d) of this section explicitly provides for  
25 the joint and several liability for the members of the gubernatorial ticket  
26 and, in certain circumstances, the responsible officers of its campaign  
27 finance entity for any expenditure made in violation of this section.  
28 Similarly, in § 15-107(c) of this title, the members of the gubernatorial  
29 ticket and its responsible officers are made jointly and severally liable for  
30 failure to repay the Comptroller any part of a public contribution that is  
31 not spent or that was spent in violation of this title. It seems anomalous  
32 that these are the only two sections of this title that explicitly provide for  
33 such liability.

34 **Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101**

35 **"Expenditure" § 1-101**

36 **"Gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102**

37 **"Public contribution" § 15-102**

38 **"Responsible officer" § 1-101**

39 **"State Board" § 1-101**

40 **15-106. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS -- DISTRIBUTIONS.**

41 **(A) IN GENERAL.**

1           (1)    (I)    IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
2 STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION ON A CONTINUING BASIS OF  
3 ONE-HALF OF THE MONEY IN THE FUND TO ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKETS IN  
4 THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

5                   (II)   DISTRIBUTIONS SHALL BEGIN NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1  
6 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION.

7           (2)    PROMPTLY AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE STATE BOARD  
8 SHALL AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMAINING MONEY IN THE FUND IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

10    (B)    INSUFFICIENT MONEY.

11    IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NOT, OR MAY NOT BE,  
12 SUFFICIENT MONEY IN THE FUND TO PROVIDE A FULL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO  
13 ALL ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKETS IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION, THE  
14 STATE BOARD SHALL ALLOCATE THE AVAILABLE MONEY SO THAT EACH ELIGIBLE  
15 GUBERNATORIAL TICKET IN THAT ELECTION RECEIVES A PROPORTIONATE SHARE  
16 OF THE FULL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO WHICH THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET  
17 OTHERWISE WOULD BE ENTITLED.

18    (C)    PRIMARY ELECTION.

19           (1)    THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
20 MONEY THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION AS  
21 PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

22           (2)    AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET THAT IS OPPOSED IN THE  
23 PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL RECEIVE \$1 IN PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EACH \$1 IN  
24 ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS RECEIVED.

25           (3)    AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET THAT IS UNOPPOSED IN THE  
26 PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL RECEIVE \$1 IN PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EACH \$3 IN  
27 ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS RECEIVED.

28    (D)    GENERAL ELECTION.

29           (1)    THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE  
30 GENERAL ELECTION OF ALL MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND, INCLUDING MONEY  
31 REMAINING FROM THE PART DESIGNATED FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, AS  
32 PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

33           (2)    EACH ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET THAT IS A NOMINEE  
34 SHALL RECEIVE AN EQUAL SHARE OF THE FUND.

35           (3)    AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET MAY NOT RECEIVE A PUBLIC  
36 CONTRIBUTION IF IT IS UNOPPOSED ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.



1           (4)     AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET THAT DID NOT RECEIVE A  
2 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION MAY RECEIVE A PUBLIC  
3 CONTRIBUTION IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ONLY IF THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET:

4                   (I)     IS A NOMINEE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND

5                   (II)    DID NOT EXCEED THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR THE PRIMARY  
6 ELECTION.

7           (5)     THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS PROMPTLY AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY ELECTION  
9 RESULTS.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
11 change from former Art. 33, §§ 15-104(b) and (d) and 15-105(b) and (c).

12 In subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section, the reference to "subsection (c) of this  
13 section" is substituted for the former reference to "the other requirements  
14 of this title" for clarity and accuracy.

15 In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to a distribution "in  
16 accordance with subsection (d) of this section" is substituted for the former  
17 reference to a distribution "to eligible candidates in the general election"  
18 for clarity and accuracy.

19 Throughout this section, the defined terms "eligible gubernatorial ticket"  
20 and "gubernatorial ticket" are substituted for the former words "eligible  
21 candidate" and "candidate", respectively. *See* the Revisor's Note to §  
22 15-102(c) and (f) of this title.

23 Defined terms: "Ballot" § 1-101

24 "Election" § 1-101

25 "Eligible gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102

26 "Eligible private contribution" § 15-102

27 "Fund" § 15-102

28 "Gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102

29 "Public contribution" § 15-102

30 "State Board" § 1-101

31 15-107. SAME -- USE.

32 (A)     LIMITATIONS.

33 A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MAY BE SPENT ONLY:

34           (1)     IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-218 OF THIS ARTICLE;

35           (2)     TO FURTHER THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET'S NOMINATION OR  
36 ELECTION;

1           (3)     FOR EXPENSES INCURRED NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE  
2 ELECTION FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE; AND

3           (4)     FOR PURPOSES THAT DO NOT VIOLATE STATE LAW.

4     (B)     UNSPENT PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

5           (1)     ANY PART OF A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION THAT IS NOT SPENT SHALL  
6 BE REPAID TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR REDEPOSIT IN THE FUND NOT LATER THAN 60  
7 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE.

8           (2)     IN COMPUTING WHETHER PART OF A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION IS NOT  
9 SPENT, ALL PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET SHALL BE  
10 TREATED AS SPENT BEFORE THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY OF THE PUBLIC  
11 CONTRIBUTION.

12    (C)     LIABILITY FOR REPAYMENT.

13    THE MEMBERS OF A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET AND THE RESPONSIBLE  
14 OFFICERS OF ITS CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY  
15 PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR REPAYING TO THE COMPTROLLER ANY PART OF A PUBLIC  
16 CONTRIBUTION THAT IS NOT SPENT OR THAT WAS SPENT IN VIOLATION OF  
17 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

18 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
19 change from former Art. 33, § 15-106.

20    Throughout this section, the defined term "gubernatorial ticket" is  
21 substituted for the former word "candidate". *See* the Revisor's Note to §  
22 15-102(f) of this title.

23    In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the phrase providing that a public  
24 contribution may be spent only "in accordance with § 13-218 of this article"  
25 is substituted for the former phrase "[w]ith the authority of the candidate  
26 or his treasurer" for clarity and consistency with other provisions of this  
27 article. The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for  
28 consideration by the General Assembly, that the reference in former Art.  
29 33, § 15-106(a)(1) to the authority of "the candidate or his treasurer" was  
30 ambiguous. The Committee assumes that the General Assembly intended  
31 that this provision be consistent with expenditure standards elsewhere in  
32 this article.

33    In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to "the public  
34 contribution" is substituted for the former reference to "these" for clarity.

35    In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to the "members of a"  
36 gubernatorial ticket is added for clarity and consistency with the purpose  
37 of this subsection to impose joint and several liability on each candidate,  
38 *i.e.*, the members of the gubernatorial ticket, and the responsible officers,  
39 for a violation of this title. *See also* the Revisor's Note to § 15-105 of this

1 title.

2 Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

3 "Fund" § 15-102

4 "Gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102

5 "Public contribution" § 15-102

6 15-108. BALANCE IN FUND.

7 ANY BALANCE IN THE FUND AFTER A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION SHALL  
8 REMAIN IN THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
10 change from former Art. 33, § 15-108.

11 The reference to a balance after "disbursements to candidates in" a  
12 gubernatorial election is deleted as surplusage.

13 Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

14 "Fund" § 15-102

15 15-109. ADMINISTRATION OF TITLE.

16 (A) IN GENERAL.

17 (1) SUBJECT TO § 15-103 OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL  
18 ADMINISTER THIS TITLE.

19 (2) THE STATE BOARD MAY REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE  
20 COMPTROLLER TO ADMINISTER THIS TITLE.

21 (B) REGULATIONS.

22 (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS  
23 TO IMPLEMENT THIS TITLE.

24 (2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS RELATING TO:

25 (I) THE MANNER AND DEADLINE FOR A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET  
26 TO NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF ITS INTENTION TO QUALIFY FOR A PUBLIC  
27 CONTRIBUTION;

28 (II) THE DEADLINE FOR A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET TO SUBMIT A  
29 REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;

30 (III) THE DATES WHEN THE STATE BOARD WILL AUTHORIZE, AND  
31 THE COMPTROLLER WILL MAKE, DISTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
32 GUBERNATORIAL TICKETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE;

33 (IV) A PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION WHEN THERE IS NOT, OR  
34 MAY NOT BE, SUFFICIENT MONEY IN THE FUND;

1 (V) A FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTING A SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC  
 2 CONTRIBUTION TO THE OTHER ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKETS IF ADDITIONAL  
 3 MONEY BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE:

4 1. AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET FAILS TO  
 5 REQUEST A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;

6 2. AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET WITHDRAWS AS A  
 7 GUBERNATORIAL TICKET; OR

8 3. AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET IS DISQUALIFIED;

9 (VI) THE STANDARDS BY WHICH EXPENDITURES BY CAMPAIGN  
 10 FINANCE ENTITIES WITH WHICH AN ELIGIBLE GUBERNATORIAL TICKET IS  
 11 AFFILIATED ARE APPLIED TO THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT PRESCRIBED IN § 15-105 OF  
 12 THIS TITLE;

13 (VII) THRESHOLDS FOR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE NOT  
 14 CONSIDERED CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
 15 TITLE;

16 (VIII) DISTRIBUTIONS TO:

17 1. AN UNOPPOSED GUBERNATORIAL TICKET;

18 2. A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET COMPOSED OF MEMBERS  
 19 FROM OTHER THAN THE TWO PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES; AND

20 3. A WRITE-IN GUBERNATORIAL TICKET; AND

21 (IX) THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MAY NOT  
 22 BE USED.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
 24 change from former Art. 33, § 15-104(c) and (e)(1).

25 In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the introductory clause "[s]ubject to §  
 26 15-103 of this title," is added for clarity.

27 Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the duty of the State Board to  
 28 "administer" this title is stated expressly for clarity.

29 In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to the "State Board" is  
 30 substituted for the former reference to the "State Administrator" in light of  
 31 the power vested in the State Board under § 2-102(b)(4) of this article.

32 Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to regulations to  
 33 "implement" this title is substituted for the former reference to regulations  
 34 to "carry out the purposes and requirements" of this title for brevity and  
 35 clarity.

1 In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the defined terms "eligible  
2 gubernatorial ticket" and "gubernatorial ticket" are substituted for the  
3 former words "eligible candidate" and "candidate", respectively. *See* the  
4 Revisor's Notes to § 15-101(c) and (f) of this title.

5 In subsection (b)(2)(v)3 of this section, the former reference to a  
6 gubernatorial ticket that "dies" is deleted as included in the broader  
7 reference to a gubernatorial ticket that is "disqualified".

8 **Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101**

9 "Comptroller" § 15-102

10 "Contribution" § 1-101

11 "Eligible gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102

12 "Expenditure" § 1-101

13 "Fund" § 15-102

14 "Gubernatorial ticket" § 15-102

15 "Principal political party" § 1-101

16 "Public contribution" § 15-102

17 "State Board" § 1-101

18 **15-110. VIOLATIONS.**

19 A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS TITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON  
20 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT  
21 EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH FOR EACH VIOLATION.

22 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
23 change from former Art. 33, § 15-107.

24 The reference to being "guilty of a misdemeanor" is added to state  
25 expressly that which was only implied in the former law by the reference to  
26 a "conviction". In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common  
27 law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a  
28 misdemeanor. *See State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976), *Bowser v.*  
29 *State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920), *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914),  
30 and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

31 **15-111. SHORT TITLE.**

32 THIS TITLE IS THE PUBLIC FINANCING ACT.

33 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section formerly was Art. 33, § 15-110.

34 The only changes are in style.

1 Title 16. Offenses and Penalties.

2 Subtitle 1. Voter Registration.

3 16-101.

4 (a) A person may not willfully and knowingly:

5 (1) Impersonate a voter or other person in order to register or attempt to  
6 register in the name of the voter or other person;

7 (2) Register to vote more than once;

8 (3) Falsify residence in an attempt to register in the wrong location;

9 (4) Secure registration through any unlawful means;

10 (5) Cause by unlawful means the name of a qualified voter to be stricken  
11 from a registry of voters;

12 (6) Prevent, hinder, or delay a person having a lawful right to register  
13 from registering, through the use of force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery,  
14 reward, or offer of reward;

15 (7) Falsify any name on a registration;

16 (8) Misrepresent any fact relating to registration; or

17 (9) Induce or attempt to induce a person to violate any prohibition in  
18 items (1) through (8) of this subsection.

19 (b) A person who violates this section is GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND  
20 subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for  
21 not more than 5 years or both.

22 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO § 5-106(B) OF THE  
23 COURTS ARTICLE.

24 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
25 change from former Art. 33, § 16-101.

26 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to being "guilty of a  
27 misdemeanor and" is added to state expressly that which only was implied  
28 in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common  
29 law and has not been declared a felony by statute, is considered to be a  
30 misdemeanor. See *State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976), *Bowser v.*  
31 *State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920), *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347  
32 (1968), and *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914).

33 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a violation being "subject  
34 to § 5-106(b) of the Courts Article" is substituted for the former reference

1 to the violation subjecting the defendant to imprisonment "in the  
 2 penitentiary", for clarity and consistency with the Criminal Law Article.  
 3 *See* General Revisor's Note to the Criminal Law Article.

4 **Subtitle 2. Voting and Electoral Operations.**

5 **16-201.**

6 (a) A person may not willfully and knowingly:

7 (1) (i) Impersonate another person in order to vote or attempt to vote;  
 8 or

9 (ii) Vote or attempt to vote under a false name;

10 (2) Vote more than once for a candidate for the same office or for the  
 11 same ballot question;

12 (3) Vote or attempt to vote more than once in the same election, or vote in  
 13 more than one election district or precinct;

14 (4) Vote in an election district or precinct without the legal authority to  
 15 vote in that election district or precinct; or

16 (5) Influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision through  
 17 the use of force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward.

18 (b) A person who violates this section is **GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND**  
 19 **subject to a fine of not more than \$2,500 or imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for**  
 20 **not more than 5 years or both.**

21 (C) **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO § 5-106(B) OF THE**  
 22 **COURTS ARTICLE.**

23 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
 24 change from former Art. 33, § 16-201.

25 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to being "guilty of a  
 26 misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which only was implied in  
 27 the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common  
 28 law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a  
 29 misdemeanor. *See State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976), *Bowser v.*  
 30 *State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920), *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347  
 31 (1968), and *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914).

32 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a violation being "subject  
 33 to § 5-106(b) of the Courts Article" is substituted for the former reference  
 34 to the violation subjecting the defendant to imprisonment "in the  
 35 penitentiary", for clarity and consistency with the Criminal Law Article.  
 36 *See* General Revisor's Note to the Criminal Law Article.

1 **Defined terms: "Candidate" § 1-101**

2 "Election" § 1-101

3 "Precinct" § 1-101

4 **16-202.**

5 (a) A person who has been convicted of an infamous crime, and has been  
6 rendered ineligible to vote pursuant to § 3-102(b) of this article, may not vote or  
7 attempt to vote during the time that the person is rendered ineligible to vote.

8 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to  
9 imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.

10 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
11 **change from former Art. 33, § 16-202.**

12 **In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in**  
13 **the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which states**  
14 **that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a**  
15 **specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the**  
16 **jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.**

17 **16-203.**

18 (a) A person may not willfully disobey the lawful command of an election  
19 official at a polling place on election day.

20 (b) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
21 shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$250 or imprisonment for  
22 not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months or both.

23 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-203.**

24 **No changes are made.**

25 **16-204.**

26 (a) A person may not hinder or impede the conduct of official electoral  
27 activities by:

28 (1) Breach of the peace;

29 (2) Disorder; or

30 (3) Violence or threat of violence.

31 (b) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
32 shall be subject to imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 1 year or by  
33 a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 or both.

34 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-204.**



1       **No changes are made.**

2 **16-205.**

3       **(a)       (1)       A person may not interfere with an election official in the**  
4 **performance of the official duties of the election official.**

5               **(2)       A person may not interfere with an individual lawfully present at a**  
6 **polling place or at the canvass of votes.**

7       **(b)       A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject**  
8 **to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not less than**  
9 **3 months nor more than 1 year or both.**

10 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-205.**

11       **No changes are made.**

12 **16-206.**

13       **(a)       A person may not:**

14               **(1)       Place any distinguishing mark on the person's own or another**  
15 **person's ballot for the purpose of identifying the ballot;**

16               **(2)       Misrepresent the person's ability to mark a ballot or operate voting**  
17 **equipment;**

18               **(3)       Interfere or attempt to interfere with a voter while the voter is inside**  
19 **the polling room, marking a ballot, or operating voting equipment;**

20               **(4)       Induce or attempt to induce a voter to mark the voter's ballot in a**  
21 **certain way;**

22               **(5)       Except for servicing by an authorized person, unlock any locked**  
23 **compartment of a voting device unless instructed to do so by the election director;**

24               **(6)       Destroy or deface a ballot;**

25               **(7)       Remove a ballot from a building in which voting occurs, except as**  
26 **otherwise provided in this article;**

27               **(8)       Delay the delivery of a ballot;**

28               **(9)       Possess on or before the day of election an official ballot printed for**  
29 **the election, unless the possession of the ballot is necessary and appropriate for**  
30 **carrying out the election process; or**

31               **(10)      Canvass, electioneer, or post any campaign material in the polling**  
32 **place or beyond a line established by signs posted in accordance with subsection (b) of**  
33 **this section.**

1 (b) (1) At each polling place, one election judge from each principal political  
2 party shall be designated by the local board and, acting jointly, shall post signs  
3 delineating a line around the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to that  
4 part of the building in which voting occurs.

5 (2) The line shall be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the  
6 entrance and exit and shall be established after consideration of the configuration of  
7 the entrance and the effect of placement on public safety and the flow of pedestrian  
8 and vehicular traffic.

9 (3) The signs shall contain the words "No Electioneering Beyond this  
10 Point".

11 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject  
12 to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than  
13 60 days or both.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-206.

15 No changes are made.

16 16-207.

17 (a) In this section, "alcoholic beverages" has the meaning provided in Article  
18 2B, § 1-102 of the Code.

19 (b) A person may not bring, send, or attempt to bring or send any alcoholic  
20 beverages into a polling place during the hours that the polling place is open.

21 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject  
22 to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

23 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-207.

24 No changes are made.

25 Subtitle 3. Conduct of Election Officials.

26 16-301.

27 (a) An election official or an official of a political party may not willfully  
28 neglect official duties under this article or engage in corrupt or fraudulent acts in the  
29 performance of official duties under this article.

30 (b) A person who violates this section is subject to a fine of not less than \$50  
31 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 3  
32 years or both.

33 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-301.

34 No changes are made.

1 **16-302.**

2 (a) A person may not fraudulently tamper with election records of any kind,  
3 whether on paper or in any other medium.

4 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to  
5 imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.

6 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
7 change from former Art. 33, § 16-302.

8 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in  
9 the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which states  
10 that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a  
11 specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the  
12 jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

13 **16-303.**

14 (a) An election judge, while performing official duties at a polling place, may  
15 not willfully and knowingly:

16 (1) Interfere in any way with the casting of a vote by a person who the  
17 election judge knows is lawfully entitled to vote at an election;

18 (2) Fail to challenge a person who the election judge has reason to  
19 believe is not entitled to vote;

20 (3) Refuse to follow the instructions of the election director with respect  
21 to the qualification of voters, the use of voting equipment, or the casting of votes; or

22 (4) Obstruct the view at any time of any person, lawfully present in the  
23 polling place, who wishes to see the ballot box or voting equipment used during an  
24 election.

25 (b) An election judge who violates this section is **GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR**  
26 **AND** subject to imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 3 months nor  
27 more than 2 years.

28 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
29 change from former Art. 33, § 16-303.

30 In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to being "guilty of a  
31 misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which only was implied in  
32 the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common  
33 law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a  
34 misdemeanor. See *State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976), *Bowser v.*  
35 *State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920), *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347  
36 (1968), and *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914).

1 Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment  
2 "in the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which  
3 states that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served  
4 at a specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to  
5 the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

6 **Defined term: "Election" § 1-101**

7 **16-304.**

8 (a) In a polling place on election day, an election judge may not willfully and  
9 knowingly:

10 (1) Permit a ballot or ballots to be placed into a ballot box prior to the  
11 time for voting; or

12 (2) Place a ballot in a ballot box unless the ballot is offered by a properly  
13 registered voter.

14 (b) A person may not:

15 (1) Cause or permit a vote to be cast or a ballot to be deposited in a ballot  
16 box or a voting device, other than by a person properly qualified to cast a ballot; or

17 (2) Substitute, alter, add, or remove a voted ballot from a ballot box or a  
18 voting device, except when instructed to do so by the election director.

19 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to  
20 imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.

21 **REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive**  
22 **change from former Art. 33, § 16-304.**

23 In subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in  
24 the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which states  
25 that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a  
26 specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the  
27 jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

28 **Subtitle 4. Petitions.**

29 **16-401.**

30 (a) A person may not willfully and knowingly:

31 (1) Give, transfer, promise, or offer anything of value for the purpose of  
32 inducing another person to sign or not sign any petition;

33 (2) Request, receive, or agree to receive, anything of value as an  
34 inducement to sign or not to sign any petition;



1 (d) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of  
2 subornation of perjury and shall be punished according to the laws of the State for  
3 subornation of perjury.

4 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-501.

5 No changes are made.

6 Subtitle 6. Canvassing.

7 16-601.

8 (a) An election judge or other election official may not willfully and knowingly:

9 (1) Make, sign, publish, or deliver a false certificate or statement of the  
10 result of the election or any other false report of any kind; or

11 (2) Deface, destroy, or conceal any statement, tally, certificate, or other  
12 document entrusted to the official's care and custody.

13 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to  
14 imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 10 years.

15 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
16 change from former Art. 33, § 16-601.

17 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in  
18 the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which states  
19 that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a  
20 specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the  
21 jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

22 Defined term: "Election" § 1-101

23 Subtitle 7. Election Records and Documents.

24 16-701.

25 (a) A person with custody of election records may not willfully and knowingly:

26 (1) Destroy, deface, falsify, remove, or conceal any record related to  
27 voting;

28 (2) Make a fraudulent entry or alteration, or permit another person to  
29 make a fraudulent entry or alteration, of any record related to voting; or

30 (3) Allow any other person to do the acts prohibited in items (1) and (2) of  
31 this subsection.

32 (b) Any person who does not have custody over election items may not:

1 (1) Do an act prohibited by subsection (a) of this section; or

2 (2) Advise, procure, or abet the commission of an act prohibited by  
3 subsection (a) of this section.

4 (c) This section does not apply to the disposition of obsolete records in the  
5 ordinary course of the operation of the State Board or a local board.

6 (d) Each violation of this section is a separate offense.

7 (e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to  
8 imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 10 years.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
10 change from former Art. 33, § 16-701.

11 In subsection (e) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in  
12 the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which states  
13 that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a  
14 specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the  
15 jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

16 Subtitle 8. Voting Equipment.

17 16-801.

18 (a) A person may not willfully:

19 (1) Conceal, damage, or destroy voting equipment used or intended to be  
20 used on the day of election; or

21 (2) Remove voting equipment from the custody of the election judges or  
22 other election officials.

23 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to  
24 imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.

25 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive  
26 change from former Art. 33, § 16-801.

27 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in  
28 the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9-103, which states  
29 that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a  
30 specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the  
31 jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

32 16-802.

33 (a) A person may not willfully and knowingly:

1           (1)     Tamper with, damage, or attempt to damage any voting equipment  
2 that is used or will be used in an election; or

3           (2)     Prevent or attempt to prevent the correct operation of any voting  
4 equipment that is used or will be used on the day of election.

5           (b)     An unauthorized person may not make or have in the person's possession a  
6 key to any voting equipment that is used or will be used on the day of election.

7           (c)     A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject  
8 to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-802.

10        No changes are made.

11 16-803.

12           (a)     A person may not remove, deface, or destroy equipment or supplies placed  
13 in a polling place by election officials during an election.

14           (b)     A person who violates this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500  
15 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-803.

17        No changes are made.

18 16-804.

19           (a)     When an electronic voting system is used, a person may not willfully and  
20 knowingly:

21           (1)     Access the system unless authorized to do so by the appropriate  
22 election authority; or

23           (2)     Tamper with or alter the hardware, system components, or software  
24 utilized by the voting system, for the purpose of affecting the vote count.

25           (b)     A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and shall be subject  
26 to a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment for not more than 10 years or  
27 both.

28 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-804.

29        No changes are made.



## Subtitle 9. Other Offenses.

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2 16-901.

3 (a) A person may not falsely or fraudulently:

4 (1) Make, deface, or destroy a certificate of candidacy or certificate of  
5 nomination or any part of the certificate; or6 (2) File or suppress a certificate of candidacy or certificate of nomination  
7 that has been duly filed.8 (b) A person who violates this section is subject to a fine of not less than \$100  
9 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 3 years or both.

10 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-901.

11 No changes are made.

12 16-902.

13 (a) A person may not make a bet or wager on the outcome of an election held  
14 under this article.15 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject  
16 to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 to be paid to the State.17 (c) Any deposit of money as a bet or a wager on the outcome of an election  
18 shall be forfeited and paid to the governing body of the county where the money is  
19 deposited.

20 REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 16-902.

21 No changes are made.

22 Subtitle 10. General Penalty Provisions.

23 16-1001.

24 (a) A person convicted of a misdemeanor under this article for which no  
25 penalty is specifically provided is subject to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than  
26 \$250 or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months or both.27 (b) A person who is convicted of any criminal violation of this article shall be  
28 disqualified permanently from serving as an election judge, board member, or [an]  
29 employee of a board.30 (c) A candidate who is convicted of any practice prohibited by this article shall  
31 be ineligible to be elected or appointed to any public office or employment for a period  
32 of 5 years following the date of the [election] CONVICTION.

1 **REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive  
2 change from former Art. 33, § 16-1001.

3 In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "an" employee is  
4 deleted as surplusage.

5 In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to the date of the "conviction"  
6 is substituted for the former reference to "election" for consistency with the  
7 presumed intent of the General Assembly. The Election Law Article Review  
8 Committee calls this substitution to the attention of the General Assembly.

9 **GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO ARTICLE**

10 The Department of Legislative Services is charged with revising the law in a  
11 clear, concise, and organized manner, without changing the effect of the law. One  
12 precept of revision has been that, once something is said, it should be said in the same  
13 way every time. To that end, the Election Law Article conformed the language and  
14 organization of this article to that of previously enacted revised articles to the extent  
15 possible.

16 The Election Law Article contains two components, the principal one is a  
17 thorough but nonsubstantive revision of the campaign finance provisions of law  
18 encompassed under former Article 33 and set out in Titles 13, 14, and 15 of the  
19 revised article. The other component consists of the provisions of Titles 1 through 12  
20 and Title 16 of former Article 33 of the Code that became effective January 1, 1999.  
21 That material encompasses the substantive revision of the State election law that  
22 resulted from the work of the Commission to Revise the Election Code that was  
23 chaired by Marie Garber, a former State Administrator of Election Laws. The Election  
24 Law Article also makes clarifying and conforming amendments and technical changes  
25 to the Commission's work product to make it consistent with the revised language and  
26 terminology of the campaign finance law in Titles 13, 14, and 15 of this article.

27 **Article - State Government**

28 15-829.

29 (a) In this Part IV the following words have the meanings indicated.

30 (b) (1) "Agent" means any individual or business entity hired or retained by  
31 an applicant for any purpose relating to the land that is the subject of an application  
32 if the individual or business entity is:

33 (i) an accountant;

34 (ii) an attorney;

35 (iii) an architect;

36 (iv) an engineer;

1 (v) a land use consultant;

2 (vi) an economic consultant;

3 (vii) a real estate agent;

4 (viii) a real estate broker;

5 (ix) a traffic consultant; or

6 (x) a traffic engineer.

7 (2) "Agent" includes:

8 (i) as to a corporation described in paragraph (1) of this subsection,  
9 its officers, directors, and majority stockholders who are engaged in substantive  
10 activities pertaining specifically to land development in Prince George's County as a  
11 regular part of their ongoing business activities;

12 (ii) as to a partnership or limited partnership described in  
13 paragraph (1) of this subsection, its general partners and limited partners who are  
14 engaged in substantive activities pertaining specifically to land development in  
15 Prince George's County as a regular part of their ongoing business activities; and

16 (iii) as to a joint venture described in paragraph (1) of this  
17 subsection, the principal members of the joint venture who are engaged in  
18 substantive activities pertaining specifically to land development in Prince George's  
19 County as a regular part of their ongoing business activities.

20 (c) (1) (i) "Applicant" means an individual or business entity that is:

21 1. a title owner or contract purchaser of land that is the  
22 subject of an application;

23 2. a trustee that has an interest in land that is the subject of  
24 an application, excluding trustees described in a mortgage or deed of trust; or

25 3. a holder of 5 percent or greater interest in a business  
26 entity that has an interest in land that is the subject of an application but only if:

27 A. the holder of 5 percent or greater interest has substantive  
28 involvement in directing the affairs of the business entity with an interest in the land  
29 which is the subject of an application with specific regard to the disposition of the  
30 land which is the subject of the application; or

31 B. the holder of 5 percent or greater interest is engaged in  
32 substantive activities pertaining specifically to land development in Prince George's  
33 County as a regular part of the business entity's ongoing business activities.

34 (ii) Where the applicant is a corporation, the term also includes the  
35 directors and officers of the corporation which actually holds title to the land, or is a

1 contract purchaser of the land, which is the subject of an application, but does not  
2 include the directors and officers of any entity which does not hold title to, or is not  
3 the contract purchaser of, land which is the subject of an application.

4 (2) "Applicant" includes any business entity in which a person described  
5 in paragraph (1) of this subsection holds a 5 percent or greater interest.

6 (3) "Applicant" does not include:

7 (i) a bank, savings and loan institution, or other financial  
8 institution which has loaned money or extended financing for the acquisition,  
9 development, or construction of improvements upon any land that is the subject of an  
10 application;

11 (ii) a municipal or public corporation;

12 (iii) a public authority; or

13 (iv) a public utility regulated by the Public Service Commission in  
14 any instance where the utility is engaged in or conducting regulated activities that  
15 have been approved by the Public Service Commission or are permitted under the  
16 Public Utility Companies Article.

17 (d) "Application" means:

18 (1) an application for a zoning map amendment, special exception,  
19 departure from design standards, revision to a special exception site plan, expansion  
20 of a legal nonconforming use, revision to a legal nonconforming use site plan, or a  
21 request for a variance from the zoning ordinance;

22 (2) an application to approve a comprehensive design plan, a conceptual  
23 site plan, or a specific design plan; or

24 (3) participation in adopting and approving an area master plan or  
25 sectional map amendment by appearance at a public hearing, filing a statement in  
26 the official record, or other similar communication to a member of the County Council  
27 or the Planning Board, where the intent is to intensify the zoning category applicable  
28 to the land of the applicant.

29 (e) "Business entity" means:

30 (1) a sole proprietorship;

31 (2) a corporation;

32 (3) a general partnership;

33 (4) a limited partnership;

34 (5) a limited liability company; or

1 (6) a joint venture.

2 (f) "Candidate" means a candidate for election to the County Council who  
3 becomes a member.

4 (g) "Continuing political committee" means a committee specifically created to  
5 promote the candidacy of a member running for any elective office.

6 (H) "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS A PERSON OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT MAKES A  
7 PAYMENT.

8 [(h)] (I) "County Council" means the County Council of Prince George's  
9 County.

10 [(i)] (J) "County Executive" means the County Executive of Prince George's  
11 County.

12 [(j)] (K) "District Council" means the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County sitting as the District Council for the Prince George's County portion of the  
14 Maryland-Washington Regional District.

15 [(k)] (L) "Member of the County Council" includes any candidate or person  
16 duly elected or appointed who takes the oath of office as a member of the County  
17 Council for Prince George's County and who thereby serves on the District Council.

18 [(l)] (M) "Payment" means any payment or contribution of money or property  
19 or the incurring of any liability or promise of anything of value to a treasurer of a  
20 candidate or of a continuing political committee.

21 [(m)] (N) (1) "Pendency of the application" means any time between the  
22 acceptance of a filing of an application by the appropriate agency and, subject to  
23 paragraph (2) of this subsection, expiration of the time under which an appeal on the  
24 application may be taken.

25 (2) "Pendency of the application" does not include a period during which:

26 (i) action on the application is under judicial review; or

27 (ii) judicial review may be requested.

28 (O) "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT  
29 IS NOT:

30 (1) A POLITICAL PARTY;

31 (2) A CENTRAL COMMITTEE;

32 (3) A SLATE; OR

1 (4) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY, AND  
2 SOLELY ON BEHALF OF, AN INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE OR A  
3 SLATE.

4 (P) "SLATE" MEANS A GROUP, COMBINATION, OR ORGANIZATION OF  
5 CANDIDATES CREATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

6 [(n)] (Q) (1) "Treasurer" has the meaning provided in [Article 33, § 1-101 of  
7 the Code] § 1-101 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

8 (2) "Treasurer" includes a subtreasurer.

9 REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Election  
10 Law Article, added subsections (h), (o), and (p) of this section to allow for  
11 the merging of former Art. 33, § 13-301 in this Part IV; and also amended  
12 subsection (q) of this section to correct a cross-reference.

13 Subsection (h) of this section is derived without substantive change from  
14 former Art. 33, § 13-301(a)(4).

15 Subsection (o) of this section is derived without substantive change from  
16 former Art. 33, § 13-301(a)(7).

17 Subsection (p) of this section is derived without substantive change from  
18 former Art. 33, § 13-301(a)(8).

19 15-830.

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of Article 28 of the  
21 Code affecting that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince  
22 George's County shall be carried out consistent with the provisions of this Part IV.

23 15-831.

24 (a) An applicant or agent of the applicant may not make a payment to a  
25 member of the County Council, or to the County Executive, during the pendency of  
26 the application.

27 (b) (1) After an application has been filed, a member of the County Council  
28 may not vote or participate in any way in the proceeding on the application if the  
29 member's treasurer or the member's continuing political committee received a  
30 payment, during the 36-month period before the filing of the application or during  
31 the pendency of the application, from any of the applicants or the agents of the  
32 applicants.

33 (2) A member is not subject to the requirements of paragraph (1) of this  
34 subsection if:

1 (i) as to the application, no applicant or agent has filed an affidavit  
2 naming the member or the member's continuing political committee as the recipient  
3 of a payment; or

4 (ii) 1. a transfer to the member's treasurer or continuing  
5 political committee was made by a political action committee to which an applicant or  
6 agent had made a payment;

7 2. the applicant or agent made the payment to the political  
8 action committee without any intent to subvert the purposes of this subtitle;

9 3. the applicant's or agent's payment to the political action  
10 committee, and the political action committee's transfer, are disclosed in an affidavit;  
11 and

12 4. the transfer is returned to the political action committee  
13 by the member, or the payment is returned to the applicant or agent by the political  
14 action committee.

15 (c) (1) After an application is filed, the applicant shall file an affidavit,  
16 under oath, stating to the best of the applicant's information, knowledge, and belief  
17 that:

18 (i) 1. during the 36-month period before the filing of the  
19 application and during the pendency of the application, the applicant has not made  
20 any payment to the treasurer of a candidate or continuing political committee; or

21 2. if any such payment was made, discloses the name of the  
22 member to whose treasurer, or whose continuing political committee, the payment  
23 was made;

24 (ii) 1. during the 36-month period before the filing of the  
25 application and during the pendency of the application, the applicant has not solicited  
26 any person or business entity to make a payment to the treasurer of a candidate or  
27 continuing political committee; or

28 2. if any such solicited payment was made, discloses the  
29 name of the member to whose treasurer, or whose continuing political committee, the  
30 payment was made; and

31 (iii) 1. during the 36-month period before the filing of the  
32 application and during the pendency of the application, a member of the applicant's  
33 household has not made a payment to the treasurer of a candidate or continuing  
34 political committee; or

35 2. if such a payment has been made, discloses the name of  
36 the member to whose treasurer, or whose continuing political committee, the payment  
37 was made.

1           (2)     The affidavit may be filed any time prior to consideration of the  
2 application by the District Council, at the discretion of the applicant. However, in no  
3 event may the affidavit be filed less than 30 calendar days prior to consideration by  
4 the District Council of the application.

5           (3)     A supplemental affidavit shall be filed whenever a payment is made  
6 after the original affidavit was filed.

7           (4)     An applicant has no obligation to make any representations  
8 pertaining to the actions of anyone other than that applicant under the affidavit. In  
9 the case of business entities, anyone with authority to act on behalf of, and bind, the  
10 business entity may execute an affidavit on behalf of the business entity itself.

11          (5)     The only disclosures required under the affidavit are those involving  
12 individuals or business entities that would be subject to the provisions of this subtitle.

13       (d)     (1)     An agent shall file an affidavit in an application only if:

14                   (i)     the agent has acted on behalf of the applicant with regard to the  
15 specific application; and

16                   (ii)    during the 36-month period before the filing of the application  
17 and during the pendency of the application, and after becoming an agent of the  
18 applicant:

19                               1.     the agent has made a payment to a candidate or  
20 continuing political committee; or

21                               2.     the agent has solicited any person to make a payment to  
22 the treasurer of a candidate or a continuing political committee.

23          (2)     Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(ii) of this  
24 subsection, an agent shall disclose in the affidavit a payment made before becoming  
25 an agent if the agent:

26                   (i)     made the payment by prearrangement or in coordination with  
27 one or more applicants; or

28                   (ii)    acted as an agent as to any other application filed during the  
29 36-month period.

30       (E)     (1)     EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
31 CONTRIBUTOR, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, OR A POLITICAL ACTION  
32 COMMITTEE IS SUBJECT TO THIS PART IV IF A PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE  
33 CONTRIBUTOR OR A TRANSFER IS MADE BY THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO:

34                   (I)     THE CANDIDATE; OR

35                   (II)    THE CANDIDATE'S CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

36          (2)     THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART IV DO NOT APPLY TO:



1 (I) ANY PAYMENT OR TRANSFER TO A SLATE, UNLESS THE SLATE  
2 IS COMPOSED SOLELY OF CANDIDATES OR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

3 (II) ANY TRANSFER TO THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
4 OF A CANDIDATE OR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY THE CONTINUING  
5 POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE;  
6 OR

7 (III) A PAYMENT OR TRANSFER TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
8 CENTRAL COMMITTEE, OR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, OF A POLITICAL PARTY,  
9 EVEN IF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUPPORTS A CANDIDATE.

10 (3) A PERSON MAY NOT MAKE A PAYMENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS PART  
11 IV.

12 [(e)] (F) An applicant or agent may not take any action, directly or indirectly,  
13 with the intent to circumvent the intent of this subtitle.

14 REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter \_\_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Election Law  
15 Article, also added subsection (e) of this section, which is new language  
16 derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-301(b), (c),  
17 and (d).

18 In subsection (e)(1)(i) of this section, the former reference to the "treasurer"  
19 of the candidate is deleted for clarity and consistency with the terminology  
20 of provisions of the Election Law Article. *See, e.g.*, Title 13, Subtitles 2 and  
21 3, of the Election Law Article. Similarly, in subsection (e)(1)(ii) of this  
22 section, the former reference to the "treasurer" of the continuing political  
23 committee is deleted.

24 15-832.

25 (a) Any ex parte communication, concerning a pending application, between  
26 an applicant or applicant's agent and a member of the County Council or the County  
27 Executive shall be disclosed as required in this section.

28 (b) Each applicant or agent who communicates ex parte during the pendency  
29 of the application with a member of the County Council or with the County Executive  
30 shall file for each such communication a separate disclosure with the clerk of the  
31 County Council within 5 working days after the communication was made or  
32 received, whichever is later.

33 (c) The County Executive and each member of the County Council who  
34 communicates ex parte during the pendency of the application with an applicant or  
35 agent shall file for each such communication a separate disclosure with the clerk of  
36 the County Council within 5 working days after the communication was made or  
37 received, whichever is later.

1 15-833.

2 At any time before final action on an application, a party of record may file with  
3 the clerk of the County Council competent evidence of:

4 (1) a payment or contribution by an applicant or agent covered under §  
5 15-831 of this subtitle; or

6 (2) an ex parte communication covered under § 15-832 of this subtitle.

7 15-834.

8 (a) In the enforcement of this Part IV, the clerk of the County Council shall be  
9 subject to the direction and control of the Ethics Commission or its Executive Director  
10 and, unless otherwise specifically directed by the Ethics Commission or its Executive  
11 Director, may only:

12 (1) receive filings;

13 (2) maintain records;

14 (3) report violations; and

15 (4) perform other ministerial duties necessary to administer this Part IV.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Part IV, as to a corporation listed on  
17 a national stock exchange or regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission,  
18 and any subsidiary of the corporation, the following requirements apply if the filing of  
19 an affidavit would otherwise be required under this Part IV:

20 (1) a director or officer in the corporation or any of its subsidiaries, or a  
21 stockholder who has a 5 percent or greater interest in the corporation or any of its  
22 subsidiaries, shall only be required to file an affidavit if the individual has made a  
23 payment to the treasurer of a candidate or continuing political committee, or if the  
24 individual has solicited anyone to make a payment to the treasurer of a candidate or  
25 continuing political committee; and

26 (2) the corporation or its subsidiary shall file a corporate affidavit  
27 stating:

28 (i) 1. that the corporation has not made or solicited any  
29 payment to the treasurer of a candidate or continuing political committee; or

30 2. if such a payment was made, the name of the member to  
31 whose treasurer, or whose continuing political committee, the payment was made;  
32 and

33 (ii) that all directors, officers, and stockholders with a 5 percent or  
34 greater interest have been notified of the disclosure requirements of item (1) of this  
35 subsection.

1 (c) (1) The affidavits and disclosures required under this Part IV shall be  
2 filed in the appropriate case file of an application.

3 (2) The clerk of the County Council, at least twice each year, shall  
4 prepare a summary report compiling all affidavits and disclosures that have been  
5 filed in the application case files.

6 (3) All summary reports compiled under paragraph (2) of this subsection  
7 shall be available to members of the public upon written request.

8 (4) All affidavits, disclosures, and accompanying documentation  
9 required under this Part IV shall be in the form required by the Ethics Commission.

10 15-835.

11 (a) (1) The Ethics Commission or any other aggrieved person may file a  
12 petition for injunctive or other relief in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County for  
13 the purpose of requiring compliance with this Part IV, and may assert as error any  
14 violation of this Part IV in an appeal taken pursuant to the provisions of Article 28, §  
15 8-106(e) of the Code.

16 (2) The Court shall issue an order voiding an official action taken by the  
17 County Council when the action taken by the Council was in violation of this Part IV  
18 and if the legal action was brought within 30 days of the occurrence of the official  
19 action.

20 (3) The Court, after hearing and considering all the circumstances in the  
21 case, and voiding an action of the Council, shall reverse or reverse and remand the  
22 case to the District Council for reconsideration.

23 (b) (1) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of  
24 this Part IV is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine of not  
25 more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

26 (2) If the person is a business entity and not a natural person, each  
27 officer and partner of the business entity who knowingly authorized or participated in  
28 the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to the same  
29 penalties as the business entity.

30 (3) A member is guilty of violating this Part IV only if the member fails  
31 to abstain from voting or participating in a proceeding, based on information  
32 contained in an affidavit filed with the County Council by an applicant or agent, in  
33 violation of § 15-831(b) of this Part IV.

34 (4) An action taken in reliance on an opinion of the Ethics Commission  
35 may not be deemed a knowing and willful violation.

36 (c) (1) Any person who is subject to the provisions of this Part IV shall  
37 preserve all accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents necessary to

1 complete and substantiate any reports, statements, or records required to be made  
2 pursuant to this Part IV for 3 years from the date of filing the application.

3 (2) These papers and documents shall be available for inspection upon  
4 request by the Ethics Commission after reasonable notice.

5 15-838.

6 (a) In this Part V the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (b) (1) (i) "Applicant" means an individual or business entity that is:

8 1. a title owner or contract purchaser of land that is the  
9 subject of an application;

10 2. a trustee who has an interest in land that is the subject of  
11 an application, excluding trustees described in a mortgage or deed of trust; or

12 3. a holder of 5 percent or greater interest in a business  
13 entity who has an interest in land that is the subject of an application.

14 (ii) "Applicant" includes, if the applicant is a corporation, the  
15 directors and officers of the corporation which actually holds title to the land, or is a  
16 contract purchaser of the land which is the subject of an application.

17 (2) "Applicant" does not include:

18 (i) a financial institution that has loaned money or extended  
19 financing for the acquisition, development, or construction or improvements on the  
20 land that is the subject of an application;

21 (ii) a municipal or public corporation;

22 (iii) a public authority;

23 (iv) a public service company acting within the scope of the Public  
24 Utility Companies Article; or

25 (v) a person who is hired or retained as an accountant, attorney,  
26 architect, engineer, land use consultant, economic consultant, real estate agent, real  
27 estate broker, traffic consultant, or traffic engineer.

28 (c) "Application" means an application for a local map amendment, including  
29 a reclassification.

30 (d) "Business entity" means:

31 (1) a sole proprietorship;

32 (2) a corporation;

- 1 (3) a general partnership;  
2 (4) a limited partnership;  
3 (5) a limited liability company; or  
4 (6) a joint venture.

5 (e) "Candidate" means an individual who wins an election to the Office of  
6 County Executive or County Council of Montgomery County.

7 (f) (1) "Contribution" means any payment or transfer of money or property  
8 of \$500 or more, calculated cumulatively during a 4-year election cycle, or the  
9 incurring of any liability or promise of anything of value of \$500 or more, calculated  
10 cumulatively during a 4-year election cycle, to the treasurer of either a candidate or  
11 a political committee.

12 (2) "Contribution" includes a payment or transfer to a slate with which a  
13 candidate is associated.

14 (3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the \$500  
15 cumulative threshold contribution is calculated separately as to each candidate or  
16 elected official.

17 (4) For purposes of this subtitle, a cumulative contribution of \$500 or  
18 more to a slate is fully attributed to each candidate on the slate.

19 (G) "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT  
20 MAKES A CONTRIBUTION.

21 [(g)] (H) "Elected official" means an individual who holds the Office of County  
22 Executive or member of the County Council of Montgomery County.

23 [(h)] (I) (1) "Party of record" means an individual or business entity that is  
24 granted standing to participate in a local map amendment proceeding by the County  
25 Council, sitting as the District Council, or its hearing examiner.

26 (2) "Party of record" does not include an attorney, consultant, employee,  
27 or other agent of a party of record, including an authorized representative of a  
28 community association who is participating in a proceeding solely on behalf of the  
29 association.

30 (J) "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT  
31 IS NOT:

- 32 (1) A POLITICAL PARTY;  
33 (2) A CENTRAL COMMITTEE;  
34 (3) A SLATE; OR

1 (4) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY, AND  
2 SOLELY ON BEHALF OF, AN INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE OR A  
3 SLATE.

4 [(i)] (K) "Political committee" means any combination of two or more persons  
5 appointed by a candidate or any other person or formed in any other manner which  
6 assists or attempts to assist in any manner the promotion of the success or defeat of  
7 any candidate, candidates, political party, principle, or proposition submitted to a vote  
8 in any election.

9 (L) (1) "SLATE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF TWO OR MORE  
10 CANDIDATES WHO JOIN TOGETHER TO CONDUCT AND PAY FOR JOINT ACTIVITIES.

11 (2) "SLATE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A POLITICAL PARTY OR A CENTRAL  
12 COMMITTEE.

13 [(j)] (M) (1) "Treasurer" has the meaning provided in [Article 33, § 1-101 of  
14 the Code] § 1-101 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

15 (2) "Treasurer" includes a subtreasurer.

16 REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Election  
17 Law Article, added subsections (g), (j), and (l) of this section to allow for the  
18 merging of former Art. 33, § 13-302 in this Part V; and also amended  
19 subsection (m) of this section to correct a cross-reference.

20 Subsection (g) of this section is derived without substantive change from  
21 former Art. 33, § 13-302(a)(4).

22 Subsection (j) of this section is derived without substantive change from  
23 former Art. 33, § 13-302(a)(6).

24 Subsection (l) of this section is derived without substantive change from  
25 former Art. 33, § 13-302(a)(8).

26 15-839.

27 (a) An applicant or party of record who makes a contribution during the  
28 4-year election cycle before the filing of the application or during the pendency of the  
29 application shall disclose the contribution in accordance with this section.

30 (b) (1) Upon filing an application, an applicant shall submit a disclosure  
31 statement that names any candidate or elected official to whose treasurer or political  
32 committee the applicant made a contribution, states the amount, and states the date  
33 of the contribution. If a contribution was not made, the disclosure statement shall so  
34 state.

35 (2) The disclosure statement shall be filed:

1 (i) on a form approved by the County Council and which shall  
2 contain:

3 1. an affirmation clause to be signed by the applicant under  
4 the penalties of perjury that the contents of the disclosure statement are true to the  
5 best of the applicant's knowledge, information, and belief; and

6 2. a notice that noncompliance with this subtitle may result  
7 in a fine of up to \$1,000; and

8 (ii) with the Chief Hearing Examiner of the Office of Zoning and  
9 Administrative Hearings, unless the Council determines otherwise.

10 (3) Within 2 weeks after entering a proceeding, a party of record that has  
11 made a contribution shall submit a disclosure statement as described under  
12 paragraph (2) of this subsection.

13 (4) A contribution made after the filing of the initial disclosure and  
14 before the final disposition of the application by the District Council shall be disclosed  
15 within 5 business days of the contribution.

16 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
17 CONTRIBUTOR IS SUBJECT TO THIS PART V IF THE CONTRIBUTOR MAKES A  
18 CONTRIBUTION TO:

19 (I) A CANDIDATE;

20 (II) A SLATE; OR

21 (III) A CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

22 (2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART V DO NOT APPLY TO A TRANSFER BY  
23 A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO A CANDIDATE OR TO THE POLITICAL  
24 COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE OR AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

25 [(c)] (D) (1) The Chief Hearing Examiner of the Office of Zoning and  
26 Administrative Appeals shall be the official custodian of records filed under this Part  
27 V and, at least twice each calendar year, shall prepare a summary report compiling  
28 all affidavits and disclosures that have been filed.

29 (2) A summary report and disclosure statement filed under this Part V  
30 shall be a matter of public record and available for inspection upon written request.

31 REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter \_\_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Election Law  
32 Article, also added subsection (c) of this section, which is new language  
33 derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-302(b) and  
34 (c).

35 In subsection (c) of this section, the former phrase "the treasurer of" a  
36 candidate or "the treasurer of" the political committee of a candidate or an

1 elected official is deleted for clarity and consistency with the terminology  
2 of the Election Law Article. *See, e.g.*, Title 13, Subtitles 2 and 3, of the  
3 Election Law Article.

4 15-840.

5 (a) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of this Part  
6 V is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine of not more than  
7 \$1,000.

8 (b) If the person is a business entity and not a natural person, each officer and  
9 partner of the business entity who knowingly authorized or participated in the  
10 violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to the same  
11 penalties as the business entity.

12 (c) The provisions of this Part V shall be enforced by the State's Attorney for  
13 Montgomery County.

14 15-841.

15 (a) The County Council has no legal duty to verify the accuracy of any  
16 disclosure statement filed under this Part V.

17 (b) Failure by any person, including the Chief Hearing Examiner of the Office  
18 of Zoning and Administrative Appeals, to comply with this Part V is not grounds for  
19 invalidation of any decision by the County Council, sitting as the District Council, for  
20 which a disclosure statement is required.

21 15-848.

22 (a) In this Part VII the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) (1) "Applicant" means an individual or a business entity that is, with  
24 regard to the land that is the subject of the application:

25 (i) a title owner, assignee, or contract purchaser of the land;

26 (ii) a trustee that has an interest in the land, other than as a  
27 trustee described in a mortgage or deed of trust; or

28 (iii) a holder of a 5% or greater interest in the business entity that  
29 has an interest in the land if:

30 1. the interest holder is involved significantly in directing  
31 the affairs of the business entity, including the disposition of the land; or

32 2. the interest holder is engaged in substantive actions  
33 specifically pertaining to land development in Howard County as a regular part of the  
34 activity of the business entity.

35 (2) "Applicant" includes:



1 (i) any other business entity in which an individual or business  
2 entity described in paragraph (1) of this subsection holds a 3% or greater interest; or

3 (ii) an officer or director of a corporation who actually holds title to,  
4 or is the contract purchaser or assignee of, the land that is the subject of an  
5 application if:

6 1. the corporation is listed on a national securities exchange  
7 and the officer or director owns 5% or more of its stock; or

8 2. in the case of any other corporation, the officer or director  
9 owns any interest in the corporation.

10 (3) "Applicant" does not include:

11 (i) a financial institution that has loaned money or extended  
12 financing for the acquisition, development, or construction of improvements on the  
13 land that is the subject of an application;

14 (ii) a municipal or public corporation;

15 (iii) a public authority;

16 (iv) a public service company acting within the scope of the Public  
17 Utility Companies Article; or

18 (v) a person who is:

19 1. less than a full-time employee of a person described in  
20 paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

21 2. hired or retained as an accountant, attorney, architect,  
22 engineer, land use consultant, economic consultant, real estate agent, real estate  
23 broker, traffic consultant, or traffic engineer.

24 (c) "Application" means:

25 (1) an application for a zoning map amendment; or

26 (2) participation in the adoption and approval of a comprehensive zoning  
27 plan by appearing at a public hearing, filing a statement in an official record, or  
28 engaging in other similar communication to an elected official, where the intent is to  
29 change the classification or increase the density of the land of the applicant.

30 (d) "Business entity" means:

31 (1) a sole proprietorship;

32 (2) a corporation;

33 (3) a general partnership;

1 (4) a limited partnership;

2 (5) a limited liability company; or

3 (6) a joint venture.

4 (e) "Candidate" means a candidate for election as Howard County Executive  
5 or to the Howard County Council who becomes an elected official.

6 (f) "Contribution" means any payment or transfer of money or property or the  
7 incurring of any liability or promise of anything of value to the treasurer of a  
8 candidate, a political committee, or a slate.

9 (G) "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT  
10 MAKES A CONTRIBUTION.

11 [(g)] (H) "Elected official" means an individual who serves as Howard County  
12 Executive or as a member of the Howard County Council.

13 [(h)] (I) (1) "Engaging in business" means entering into any:

14 (i) sale, purchase, lease, or other transaction involving goods,  
15 services, or real property; or

16 (ii) contract, award, loan, extension of credit, or any other financial  
17 transaction.

18 (2) "Engaging in business" does not include the sale of goods to an  
19 individual for the use or consumption of the individual or others for personal, family,  
20 or household purposes, as distinguished from industrial, commercial, or agricultural  
21 purposes.

22 [(i)] (J) "Family member" means the spouse or child of either an applicant or  
23 a party of record who has made a contribution with the knowledge and consent of the  
24 applicant or party of record.

25 [(j)] (K) "Party of record" means an individual or business entity that  
26 participates in a map amendment proceeding by the County Council or the zoning  
27 board, or who participates in the adoption and approval of a comprehensive zoning  
28 plan by appearing at a public hearing, filing a statement in an official record, or  
29 engaging in other similar communication to an elected official where the intent is to  
30 oppose a change in classification or an increase in density of the land of an applicant.

31 (L) "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT  
32 IS NOT:

33 (1) A POLITICAL PARTY;

34 (2) A CENTRAL COMMITTEE;

35 (3) A SLATE; OR

1 (4) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY, AND  
2 SOLELY ON BEHALF OF, AN INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE OR A  
3 SLATE.

4 [(k)] (M) "Political committee" means a committee, continuing or  
5 noncontinuing, specifically created to promote the candidacy of a person running for  
6 elective office.

7 [(l)] (N) "Slate" means a group, combination, or organization of candidates  
8 created under the provisions of [Article 33 of the Code] THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

9 [(m)] (O) (1) "Treasurer" has the meaning provided in [Article 33, § 1-101  
10 of the Code] § 1-101 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

11 (2) "Treasurer" includes a subtreasurer.

12 REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Election  
13 Law Article, added subsections (g) and (l) of this section to allow for the  
14 merging of former Art. 33, § 13-303 in this Part VII; and also amended  
15 subsections (n) and (o) of this section to correct cross-references.

16 Subsection (g) of this section is new language derived without substantive  
17 change from former Art. 33, § 13-303(a)(5).

18 Subsection (l) of this section is new language derived without substantive  
19 change from former Art. 33, § 13-303(a)(7).

20 15-849.

21 (a) (1) When an application is filed, the applicant shall file an affidavit,  
22 under oath, stating whether the applicant:

23 (i) has made any contribution or contributions having a  
24 cumulative value of \$500 or more to the treasurer of a candidate or the treasurer of a  
25 political committee during the 48-month period before the application is filed, to the  
26 best of the applicant's information, knowledge, and belief; or

27 (ii) is currently engaging in business with an elected official.

28 (2) (i) If the applicant or a party of record or a family member has  
29 made a contribution or contributions having a cumulative value of \$500 or more  
30 during the 48-month period before the application was filed or during the pendency of  
31 the application, the applicant or the party of record shall file a disclosure providing  
32 the name of the candidate or elected official to whose treasurer or political committee  
33 the contribution was made, the amount, and the date of the contribution. However, if  
34 the party of record is a community association, this paragraph may not be construed  
35 to require the association to poll its members to disclose individual contributions.

1 (ii) A contribution made between the filing of the application and  
2 the disposition of the application shall be disclosed within 5 business days of the  
3 contribution.

4 (3) An applicant who begins engaging in business with an elected official  
5 between the filing of the application and the disposition of the application shall file  
6 the affidavit at the time of engaging in business with the elected official.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a)(3) of this section, the affidavit or  
8 disclosure shall be filed at least 30 calendar days prior to any consideration of the  
9 application by an elected official.

10 (c) Within 2 weeks after entering a proceeding, a party of record that has  
11 made a contribution shall submit a disclosure as described in subsection (a)(2) of this  
12 section.

13 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
14 CONTRIBUTOR AND AN ELECTED OFFICIAL ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
15 THIS PART VII IF THE CONTRIBUTOR MAKES A CONTRIBUTION TO:

16 (I) THE CANDIDATE;

17 (II) A SLATE; OR

18 (III) THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

19 (2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART VII DO NOT APPLY TO A TRANSFER BY  
20 A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO A CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S  
21 CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

22 [(d)] (E) An affidavit or a disclosure required under this Part VII shall be in a  
23 form established by the Howard County Solicitor and approved by the County  
24 Council. The completed form shall be filed in the appropriate case file of an  
25 application. The disclosure form shall repeat the penalty provision in § 15-850(a) of  
26 this Part VII.

27 [(e)] (F) A contribution made after the filing of the initial disclosure and  
28 before final disposition of the application by the County Council shall be disclosed  
29 within 5 business days of the contribution.

30 [(f)] (G) In the enforcement of this Part VII, the administrative clerk to the  
31 zoning board or the administrator of the County Council, as appropriate, considering  
32 an application shall be subject to the authority of the Howard County Ethics  
33 Commission and, unless otherwise directed by the Ethics Commission, shall:

34 (1) receive filings of affidavits and disclosures;

35 (2) maintain filed affidavits and disclosures as public records available  
36 for review by the general public during normal business hours;

1 (3) report violations to the Howard County Ethics Commission; and

2 (4) perform ministerial duties necessary to administer this Part VII.

3 [(g)] (H) (1) At least twice each calendar year the administrative assistant  
4 to the zoning board and the administrator of the County Council shall prepare a  
5 summary report compiling all affidavits and disclosures that have been filed.

6 (2) The summary report shall be a matter of public record and available  
7 for inspection upon written request.

8 REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter \_\_\_\_, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Election Law  
9 Article, also added subsection (d) of this section, which is new language  
10 derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-303(b) and  
11 (c).

12 In subsection (d) of this section, the former phrase "the treasurer of" a  
13 candidate or "a treasurer of" the candidate's political committee is deleted  
14 for clarity and consistency with the terminology of the Election Law  
15 Article. *See, e.g.*, Title 13, Subtitles 2 and 3, of the Election Law Article.

16 The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the  
17 General Assembly, that, in subsection (d)(1)(ii) of this section, the reference  
18 to a "slate" is ambiguous, in that it is unclear whether the reference is to a  
19 slate of which the candidate is a member or whether the reference has a  
20 broader application.

21 The Election Law Article Review Committee also notes, for consideration  
22 by the General Assembly, that, in subsection (d)(2) of this section, the  
23 reference to the candidate's "continuing political committee" also is  
24 ambiguous, in that it is unclear whether the General Assembly intended to  
25 limit the application of this provision to a candidate's continuing political  
26 committee or whether it is intended to cover *all* of a candidate's political  
27 committees (campaign finance entities).

28 15-850.

29 (a) (1) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of  
30 this Part VII is subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000.

31 (2) If the person is not an individual, each officer and partner who  
32 knowingly authorized or participated in the violation is subject to the same penalty  
33 specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

34 (b) (1) Any person who is subject to the provisions of this Part VII shall  
35 preserve for 3 years from the date of filing the application all accounts, bills, receipts,  
36 books, papers, and documents necessary to complete and substantiate any reports,  
37 statements, or records required to be made under this Part VII.



1 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects  
2 the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any commission, office,  
3 department, agency, or other unit. An individual who is a member of a unit on the  
4 effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which  
5 appointed or elected, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under  
6 provisions of law.

7 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as expressly  
8 provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction or employment status affected by  
9 or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute amended, repealed, or  
10 transferred by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of  
11 this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from a statute amended, repealed,  
12 or transferred by this Act remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be  
13 terminated, completed, consummated or enforced as required or allowed by any  
14 statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act as though the repeal,  
15 amendment, or transfer had not occurred. If a change in nomenclature involves a  
16 change in name or designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be  
17 considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former  
18 unit.

19 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the continuity of every  
20 commission, office, department, agency or other unit is retained. The personnel,  
21 records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties and all appropriations, credits,  
22 assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are continued as the  
23 personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations, credits,  
24 assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.

25 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly  
26 provided to the contrary in this Act, any person licensed, registered, certified, or  
27 issued a permit or certificate by any commission, office, department, agency, or other  
28 unit established or continued by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by  
29 this Act is considered for all purposes to be licensed, registered, certified, or issued a  
30 permit or certificate by the appropriate unit continued under this Act for the duration  
31 of the term for which the license, registration, certification, or permit was issued, and  
32 may renew that authorization in accordance with the appropriate renewal provisions  
33 of this Act.

34 SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the  
35 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the  
36 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by  
37 the General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this  
38 Act or by any other Act of the General Assembly of 2002 that affects provisions  
39 enacted by this Act. The publisher shall adequately describe any such correction an  
40 editor's note following the section affected.

41 SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not  
42 rescind, supersede, change, or modify any rule adopted by the Court of Appeals that is  
43 or was in effect on the effective date of this Act concerning the practice and procedure  
44 in and the administration of the appellate courts and the other courts of this State.

1 SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 January 1, 2003.