

**217. Contributions and Expenditures Must Pass Through Treasurer.**

*All contributions, money or other valuable things collected, received or disbursed by any political committee, or by any member or members thereof, for any purposes, shall be paid over to and made to pass through the hands of the treasurer of such committee and shall be disbursed by him; and it shall be unlawful and a violation of this Article for any political committee, or for any member or members of a political committee, to make any expenditure, to disburse or expend money or any other valuable things, for any purposes until the money or other valuable things so disbursed or expended shall have passed through the hands of the treasurer of such committee.*

**218. Contributions and Expenses of Candidate. (a) Contributions.**

*Any person a candidate for nomination for public office or a candidate for public office may make voluntary contributions or payment of money to any treasurer or political agent, subject to the provisions and restrictions of this Article and for any of the purposes permitted by this Article and for no other purposes.*

*(b) Expenses. Any person a candidate for nomination for public office or a candidate for public office may pay his own expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning, stationery, printing, advertising, radio and television programs, publishing, expressage, travel and board.*

*(c) Limits. It is unlawful for a candidate for nomination or a candidate for public office, directly or indirectly, during any calendar year or for any political campaign (which shall include both the primary and general election), to make any payment, contribution, expenditure or promise, or incur any liability to pay, contribute or expend any money or thing of value in excess of \$10,000 in the aggregate in the case of a candidate for a State-wide office or United States Senator or Representative in Congress, and for a candidate for a city-wide office in Baltimore City, or \$2,500 in the aggregate in the case of a candidate for any other public or party office. This limitation shall not be applicable to the payment of the personal expenses provided for in sub-section (b) hereinabove. Any payment, expenditure, contribution, promise or liability which may be made or incurred, directly or indirectly, by the spouse of any candidate for nomination or public office shall be charged against the candidate as if made by the candidate himself.*

**219. Contributions and Expenses of Persons Not a Candidate. (a)**

*Restriction. No person other than a candidate shall, to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party or principle or of any proposition submitted to vote at any public election, or of any candidate for nomination to public office, within six months prior to any such election, make a payment or contribution of money or property or incur any liability or promise any valuable thing to any person other than to the treasurer or political agent of a candidate or political committee; a contribution may be made directly to a candidate who has not appointed a political agent provided such candidate shall thereupon report such contribution in the manner provided herein for political agents. Nothing contained in this sub-title shall limit or affect the right of any person to volunteer his time or personal vehicle for transportation incident to any election or to expend money for proper legal expenses in maintaining or contesting the results of any such elections. However, nothing in this sub-section*