

agent. Nothing contained in this Act shall limit or affect the right of any person to expend money for proper legal expenses in maintaining or contesting the results of any such elections.

SEC. 165. No person other than a treasurer or political agent shall pay any of the expenses of any election or primary election, except that a candidate may pay his own expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning, stationery, printing, expressage and traveling and board. The payments, expenditures, promises and liabilities which any candidate before nomination or election, or both, may make or incur, directly or indirectly, whether in money or other thing of value, under this or the preceding section, shall not exceed in the whole twenty-five dollars for each one thousand (or the major portion thereof), up to fifty thousand and ten dollars for each one thousand (or the major portion thereof) in excess of fifty thousand of the registered voters qualified to vote for the office in question at the next preceding election therefor, all to be paid, handled and disbursed by a treasurer or political agent and not otherwise; and any payment, contribution, expenditure of, or promise or liability to pay, contribute or expend any money, or valuable thing, in excess of said sum, shall be unlawful; provided, however, that a candidate may pay personally, in addition to said sum or valuable thing or things amounting thereto, his own expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning, stationery, printing, advertising, publishing, expressage, traveling and board; and provided further, that nothing in this Act shall be taken or construed to prohibit the chairman of the State Central Committee of the State or of any county or of the city of Baltimore of any political party from soliciting contributions for campaign purposes, which contributions, however, shall all be expended in accordance with and subject to the provisions and restrictions of this Act.

SEC. 166. It shall be lawful for any treasurer or political agent in connection with any election, or primary election, and in making provisions therefor to pay the following expenses: (a) of hiring halls and music for the conventions, public meetings and public primaries and for advertising the same; (b) of printing and circulating political articles, circulars, pamphlets and books; (c) of printing and distributing sample or specimen ballots and instructions to voters; (d) of renting rooms and headquarters to be used by political committees; (e) of compensating clerks, stenographers, typewriters and other assistants employed in the committee rooms, and also of challengers, watchers and messengers employed in the registration rooms, in the voting rooms and at the polls; (f) the traveling and other legitimate expenses of political agents, commit-