

226. Custody of Reports. *Every officer with whom statements or accounts are required by any section of this Article to be filed, shall receive and file and preserve such statement or accounts in his office, and shall keep the same as part of the records thereof for at least three years after they are filed. And all such statements and accounts shall during the hours for which the office in which they may be filed is open, be subject and open to the inspection of any citizen of this State, and copies of such statements or accounts, certified by the officer in whose office they may be so kept, under the seal of his office shall be evidence in all the courts to the same extent as the original thereof would be if produced and proved.*

227. Offenses. (a) *The following persons shall be guilty of corrupt practices and shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of this section:*

(b) *Offerer. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by another, give or offer or promise to any person any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument or any valuable thing whatever, for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to vote, or refrain from voting, for or against any person, or for or against any measure or proposition at any election or primary election or political convention or for or against the election of any officer by the General Assembly of Maryland.*

(c) *Acceptor; Solicitor. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, receive, accept, request or solicit from any person, candidate, committee, association, organization or corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument, or any valuable thing whatsoever, for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to vote, or refrain from voting, for or against any person, or for or against any measure or proposition at any election or primary election or political convention.*

(d) *Acting on Offer. Every person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument, or any valuable thing whatsoever, paid, received, accepted, or promised to the advantage of himself or any other person, shall vote, or refrain from voting for or against any person, or for or against any measure at any such election, primary election or political convention.*

(e) *Expending Money Other Than Through Treasurer or Political Agent. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, pay, give, contribute or promise any money or other valuable thing, to defray, or towards defraying the costs of expenses of any campaign or election, to any person, committee, company, club, organization or association, other than to a treasurer or a political agent; but this sub-section shall not apply to dues regularly paid for membership in any political club if all money expended by such club or in connection with the costs or expenses of any campaign or election shall be paid out by it only through a treasurer or political agent as provided in this Article, or to any expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning, radio and television programs, stationery, printing, advertising and publishing, expressage or traveling and board incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination thereto, so far as they are permitted by this Article or for volunteered time or personal vehicles or personal advertising or costs and expenses incident to the expression of personal views in accordance with the provisions of Section 219(a) herein.*