

(b) Knowingly or wilfully to circulate, publish, or exhibit any false statement or representation concerning the contents, purport, or effect thereof, for the purpose of obtaining any signature to the petition or of persuading any person to sign it.

(c) To refer to the Secretary of State a petition to which is attached, appended, or subscribed any signature which the person knows to be false or fraudulent or not the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition or of the person whose name is attached, appended, or subscribed to the petition.

(d) To make a false affidavit.

(e) To give, pay, or receive any money or other valuable consideration or inducement for signing the petition or for securing the signatures thereon.

(f) To circulate or cause to be circulated a petition, knowing it to contain false, forged, or fictitious names.

(g) Knowingly as a petitioner to sign his name more than once.

(h) To sign a petition, knowing at the time he is not qualified to sign it.

23-6. Same—Statement of contributions and expenditures.

(a) At the time of filing with the Secretary of State a petition (including an associated or related set of petitions) under the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution, the person, persons, or associations which files the petition shall file with it a statement showing the contributions and expenditures for the petition. This shall be certified by the person, persons, or association which files the petition, giving (1) the name and post-office address of every contributor to the expense of the petition, and the amount paid by each; and (2) the name and post-office address of every person to whom, and for what service, any money was paid or promised on account of the petition or which is owed to be paid.

(b) If such a certified statement is not filed with the petition, the Secretary of State shall treat the petition as invalid and shall not certify the question of the referendum to the several boards.

(c) In any proceeding to test the validity of any petition filed as specified in subsection (a) of this section, the person, persons, or association certifying the statement required in this section shall be a party to such a proceeding. Such proceeding shall be filed in the county or Baltimore City where the person, persons or association resides or maintains its principal place of business, as the case may be.

23-7. Same—Effect of question concerning or invalidity of signature.

On any petition (including an associated or included set of petitions) submitted to the Secretary of State under the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution, any question concerning, or the invalidity of, the signature of any person on the petition affects that signature only and does not affect or impair any other portion of the petition or petitions.