

(d) Any surplus funds remaining after payment of all campaign expenditures shall be returned, pro-rata, to the contributors by the treasurers prior to the time of filing the final report required by Section 26-11 of this subtitle, unless prior thereto, the candidate or committee shall have paid over all such surplus funds to the State Central Committee for the State of the party of which the candidate is a member or for which the committee is acting.

**26-8. Contributions and expenses of candidate.**

(a) Any person who is a candidate for nomination for public office or a candidate for public or party office may make voluntary contributions or payment of money to any treasurer or subtreasurer, 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) Any person who is a candidate for nomination for public office or a candidate for public or party office may pay his own personal expenses for filing fees, telegrams, telephoning, travel and board. The payment of such personal expenses shall not be subject to the limitation provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) ~~It is unlawful for a candidate for nomination or a candidate for public or party office, directly or indirectly, during any calendar year or for any political campaign, which shall include both the primary and general election and shall permit the expenditure from his personal funds of the following amounts in the primary election as well as the general election, to make any payment, contribution, expenditure or promise, or incur any liability to pay, contribute or expend from his own personal financial resources any money or thing of value in excess of the following respective amounts by a candidate for nomination or election to the respective office:~~

NO CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO A PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE SHALL EXPEND OR PERMIT TO BE EXPENDED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM HIS OR HER PERSONAL FUNDS, IN EITHER THE PRIMARY OR THE GENERAL ELECTION, AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNTS SET FORTH HEREAFTER RESPECTIVELY FOR THE OFFICE TO BE SOUGHT, NOR SHALL SAID CANDIDATE MAKE OR PERMIT TO BE MADE ANY PAYMENT, CONTRIBUTION, EXPENDITURE OR PROMISE OR INCUR ANY LIABILITY TO PAY, CONTRIBUTE OR EXPEND, FROM HIS OWN PERSONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES, ANY MONEY OR THING OF VALUE IN EXCESS OF THE FOLLOWING RESPECTIVE AMOUNTS BY A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE RESPECTIVELY SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS:

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| <i>Candidate for State-wide office or for the United States Senate .....</i>  | <b>\$20,000;</b> |
| <i>Candidate for city-wide office in Baltimore City .....</i>   | <b>\$15,000;</b> |
| <i>Candidate for representative in Congress .....</i>   | <b>\$10,000;</b> |
| <i>Candidate for office in a voting district with a voting registration of not less than 200,000 .....</i>                          | <b>\$10,000;</b> |
| <i>Candidate for office in a voting district with a voting registration of not less than 100,000 or not more than 200,000 .....</i> | <b>\$ 7,500;</b> |