

land (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitle "Fair Election Practices," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

26-11.

(a) The treasurer designated by a candidate for nomination or election shall file the report or statement of contributions and expenditures as prescribed in Section 26-12 of this article with the board [of the county or Baltimore City in which the candidate resides, except that the report or statement of a candidate for statewide office or for United States Senator or Representative in Congress shall be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.] at which the candidate filed his certificate of candidacy. The board and the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall provide a receipt for each such report received. Each report shall be filed:

(1) No later than noon on the seventh day preceding any election and this report shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination by the candidate himself, or with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or groups of persons since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which he is a candidate; and

(2) No later than noon on the thirtieth day after the election or prior to taking office, whichever first occurs; and

(3) If any unpaid bills or deficits remain to be paid at the time the report or statement in subsection (a) (2) above is filed, sixty (60) days after the election; and

(4) If any unpaid bills or deficits remain to be paid at the time the report or statement in subsection (a) (3) above is filed, six months after the election; and

(5) If any unpaid bills or deficits remain to be paid at the time the report or statement in subsection (a) (4) above is filed, one year after the election.

(E) WHENEVER ANY REPORT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY A CERTAIN DATE, IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY IF IT IS MAILED AND BEARS A POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE THE REQUIRED DATE, REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

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CHAPTER 227

(Senate Bill 253)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 55 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Department of Fiscal Services,"