

(a) (1) Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall, in a writing signed by him, and acknowledged before a justice of the peace or notary public, notify the officer or board with whom the certificate of candidacy is required to be filed by this article, at least forty-five (45) days before the said primary that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, the certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files such a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to Section 4A-7 of this article.

(2) *Board offices shall be open and certificates of withdrawal of candidacy shall be accepted until nine (9) P.M. on the last day for withdrawing.*

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

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 266

(House Bill 13)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 26-3(a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Fair Election Practices," to prohibit all election board officials and employees from being a treasurer, sub-treasurer, or political agent of any candidate, combination of candidates, or political committee during any part of their tenure in office or employment, and generally relating to the election laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 26-3(a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Fair Election Practices," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

26-3.

(a) (1) Each candidate for nomination for, or election to, public or party office, upon or before, and as a condition precedent to qualifying as such candidate, shall appoint one campaign treasurer and shall file the name and address of the campaign treasurer with the board or with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws as provided in subsection (c) of this section. Every treasurer so appointed shall accept such appointment, in writing, prior to filing