

officer.] ALL OF THE REPORTS AND STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE PERSON PURSUANT TO §26-11(A) AND DUE BEFORE THE PERSON MAY TAKE OFFICE, HAVE BEEN FILED. NO CANDIDATE MAY BE SWORN IN UNTIL THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS CERTIFIES THAT ALL SUCH REPORTS AND STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY §26-11(A) HAVE BEEN FILED; AND NO OFFICIAL OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY ISSUE A COMMISSION OR ADMINISTER AN OATH OF OFFICE TO A CANDIDATE UNTIL THAT OFFICIAL HAS ~~[[RECIEVED]]~~ RECEIVED THIS CERTIFICATION FROM THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS.

(b) The provisions of this section, including the provisions of § 26-11 with respect to the [time of] filing OF [said] reports[, ] OR STATEMENTS, [shall be] ARE mandatory and not directory[, provided, however, that]. HOWEVER, no candidate [shall] MAY be disqualified for failure to file [such] A REPORT OR statement if [such] THE failure is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be [with] FOR just cause.

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Every officer or board with whom REPORTS, statements or accounts are required by any section of this article to be filed, shall receive, [and] file, and preserve [such statement or] THE REPORTS, STATEMENTS AND accounts in his office, and shall keep ALL OF the same as part of the records [thereof] OF HIS OFFICE for at least TWO YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION TO WHICH THEY RELATE OR FOR AT LEAST one year after [they are filed.] THE DATE FOR THE FILING OF THE FINAL REPORT OR STATEMENT REQUIRED BY §26-11 IN CONNECTION WITH THAT ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER, OR FOR LONGER IF SO ORDERED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION. BEFORE DISPOSING OF ANY REPORTS, STATEMENTS OR ACCOUNTS, THE OFFICER OR BOARD WITH WHOM THEY WERE FILED SHALL MAKE A PERMANENT RECORD OF ALL ELECTION REPORTS REQUIRED TO HAVE BEEN FILED BY §26-11 BUT WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED. THE PERMANENT RECORD SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE OR THE COMMITTEE, THE TREASURER, AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE MISSING REPORT, AND, IF A FINAL REPORT, A NOTATION OF THE AMOUNT OF ANY OUTSTANDING BALANCE, BILLS OR DEFICITS AS SHOWN ON THE LAST REPORT FILED. THE OFFICER OR BOARD SHALL FILE A COPY OF THIS PERMANENT RECORD WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS. [And all such] ALL REPORTS, statements and accounts shall, during the hours for which the office in which they [may be] ARE filed is open, be subject and open to inspection of any citizen of this State[, and copies]. COPIES of [such] THE REPORTS, statements or accounts certified by AND UNDER THE SEAL OF the principal administrative officer in whose office they [may be so] ARE kept [under the seal of his office],