

FROM EITHER THE CANDIDATE OR ANOTHER PERSON ANY CONTRIBUTION, MONEY, OR OTHER VALUABLE ITEM FOR USE BY HIS CANDIDATE OR ANY COMMITTEE IN A CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION, OTHER THAN THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION PROVIDED IN THE FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT. ONLY THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY A TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER AND DISBURSED FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

(B) MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE.

A TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER MAY NOT MAKE OR AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE, IN EITHER A PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION, OF A SUM TO AID HIS CANDIDATE THAT IS GREATER THAN TEN CENTS MULTIPLIED BY THE POPULATION IN THE STATE, DISTRICT, OR OTHER AREA IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS TO BE HELD, AND NO PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION SHALL BE DISBURSED FOR A SUM GREATER THAN THIS AMOUNT. THE POPULATION OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS TO BE HELD SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE MOST RECENT NATIONAL CENSUS.

(C) PERMISSIBLE SERVICES AND ACTS.

NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE FROM INCURRING THE PERSONAL EXPENSES PERMITTED BY §26-8(B), NOR MAY PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE OR OTHER PERSON FROM UNDERTAKING THE ACTS PERMITTED BY §26-9(A).

(D) VIOLATIONS.

VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SUBJECTS THE VIOLATOR TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN § 30-9(B).

30-1. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DEPENDS IN PART ON GUARANTEEING THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE RESPONSIVE SOLELY TO THE PUBLIC WILL AND NOT TO THE DICTATES OF THOSE PRIVATE INTERESTS WHO WOULD WIELD IMPROPER POWER THROUGH THEIR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS, FINDS AND DECLARES THAT AN EQUITABLE MEANS OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING IS NECESSARY IN THESE TIMES FOR THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT IS TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE'S ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

30-2. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED:

(B) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL, STATE, OR COUNTY OFFICE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION AS PROVIDED IN § 30-7(B).