

THE COMMISSION SHALL DIVIDE THE MONEY IN EACH CATEGORY PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION SO THAT A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION IS REASONABLY PROPORTIONATE TO THE COST OF CAMPAIGNING FOR THAT OFFICE.

30-8. DISBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION.

(A) IN A PRIMARY ELECTION.

BEFORE A PRIMARY ELECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER TO DISBURSE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION TO A CANDIDATE'S TREASURER AS SOON AS IS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY §30-3 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND AFTER THE COMMISSION HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE CANDIDATE HAS COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THAT SECTION. HOWEVER, NO PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION MAY BE PAID PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE FOR THAT PRIMARY ELECTION.

(B) IN A GENERAL ELECTION.

BEFORE A GENERAL ELECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER TO DISBURSE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION TO A NOMINEE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION WHO REQUESTS IT, SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF §30-3(B) (3), (4), AND (5), AND WHO RECEIVED A DONATION IN THE PRIMARY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION ARE OFFICIALLY ASCERTAINED. ANY NOMINEE WHO DID NOT RECEIVE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE DONATION ONLY AFTER REQUESTING IT AND SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 30-3.

(C) IN A SPECIAL ELECTION.

A CANDIDATE IN A SPECIAL ELECTION THAT INCLUDES BOTH A PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION SHALL HAVE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION DISBURSED TO HIM AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B). A CANDIDATE IN A SPECIAL ELECTION NOT INCLUDING A PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL HAVE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION DISBURSED TO HIM AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A).

(D) UNOPPOSED CANDIDACIES.

THE COMMISSION MAY NOT REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER TO DISBURSE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION TO AN UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE IN EITHER A PRIMARY OR A GENERAL ELECTION.

(E) DISBURSEMENTS NOT TO EXCEED MONEY IN FUND.

THE COMMISSION AND THE COMPTROLLER MAY NOT DISBURSE TO ANY CANDIDATE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DONATION IN EXCESS OF THE MONEY AVAILABLE IN THAT CATEGORY OF THE FUND, AS PROVIDED IN § 30-7.