

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 29-2(f), 29-4(a), (b-1), (b-2), (b-3) and 29-5(d) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

29-2.

(f) "Gift" [includes any gift, reward, honorarium, or testimonial, whether or not it relates to the performance of official duties] MEANS A PAYMENT, HONORARIUM, SUBSCRIPTION, ADVANCE, FORBEARANCE, [[RENDERING]] GIVING OR DEPOSIT OF MONEY, SERVICES OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, UNLESS CONSIDERATION OF EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE IS RECEIVED. "GIFT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION OTHERWISE REPORTED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE LOAN MADE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS; OR A GIFT RECEIVED FROM A MEMBER OF THE PERSON'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR FROM A RELATIVE WITHIN THE THIRD DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OF THE PERSON OR OF THE PERSON'S SPOUSE OR FROM THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH RELATIVE.

29-4.

(a) Each person holding an office set forth in section 29-3 above on or after the effective date of this subtitle shall file UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION with the Secretary of State, on or before the 15th day of April of each year during that person's term in office, the statement required by this subtitle, for the calendar year immediately preceding each such year in office. However, any statement to be filed pursuant to the foregoing on or before April 15, and any statement filed by a candidate for nomination for, or election to, an elective office to be filed in 1974, pursuant to subsections (b-1) and (b-2) below, shall only be for that portion of the calendar year 1973 which begins with the effective date of this subtitle and extends through December 31, 1973.

(b-1) Except for a person who has filed a statement pursuant to subsection (a) above for the same year or portion of the same year for which a statement otherwise would be required to be filed by this subsection, each candidate for nomination for, or election to, an office set forth in subsections 29-3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (h) [or (i) or (j) [(I), (N), (O), (P), (Q), OR (R)]] above shall file UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION with the State Administrative Board of Election Law, [at or before the same time] [[OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS]] that person's certificate of candidacy [[is filed,]] AND the