

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.] UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE TO WHICH THEY RELATE, AT WHICH TIME THESE REPORTS, STATEMENTS, AND ACCOUNTS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE HALL OF RECORDS WHERE THEY SHALL BE PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED. All reports, statements and accounts shall, during the hours for which the office in which they are filed is open, be subject and open to inspection of any citizen of this State. Copies of the reports, statements or accounts certified by and under the seal of the principal administrative officer in whose office they are kept, shall be evidence in all the courts to the same extent as the original thereof would be if produced and proved.]]

[Every officer or board with whom reports, statements or accounts are required by any section of this article to be filed, shall receive, file, and preserve the reports, statements and accounts in his office, and shall keep all of the same as part of the records of his office for at least two years after the election to which they relate or for at least one year after the date for the filing of the final report or statement required by Section 26-11 in connection with that election, whichever is later, or for longer if so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.] EVERY OFFICER OR BOARD SHALL RECEIVE, FILE AND PRESERVE ALL REPORTS, STATEMENTS, AND ACCOUNTS RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS ARTICLE. THESE REPORTS, STATEMENTS, AND ACCOUNTS SHALL BE KEPT AS PART OF THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICER OR BOARD FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE YEARS OR FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEYOND THE LENGTH OF THE TERM OF THE PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE FOR WHICH EVERY CANDIDATE TO WHOM THESE REPORTS, STATEMENTS, OR ACCOUNTS APPLY, HAS OFFERED HIMSELF FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION, REGARDLESS IF THE CANDIDATE IS SUCCESSFUL, UNSUCCESSFUL, OR RESIGNS, OR FOR A LONGER PERIOD IF ORDERED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION. THESE REPORTS, STATEMENTS, AND ACCOUNTS SHALL BE SUBJECT AND OPEN TO INSPECTION BY ANY CITIZEN OF THIS STATE DURING THE HOURS IN WHICH THE OFFICE IN WHICH THE REPORTS, STATEMENTS, AND ACCOUNTS ARE KEPT IS OPEN. THEREAFTER, THE REPORTS, STATEMENTS, AND ACCOUNTS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE HALL OF RECORDS WHERE THEY SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 54, SECTION 10 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. Before [disposing of] TRANSFERRING any reports, statements or accounts TO THE HALL OF RECORDS, the officer or board with whom they were filed shall make a permanent record of all election reports required to have been filed by Section 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