

~~FOR the purpose of terminating the assessment of fees for the late filing of certain reports by candidates for office, treasurers, and campaign committee chairmen.~~

FOR the purpose of reducing the number of campaign fund reports central committees and certain political committees are required to file.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section ~~26-13~~ 26-11(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section ~~26-13~~ 26-11(c) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

~~26-13.~~

~~{(a) There is a late filing fee for each report or statement of expenditures and contributions which is not filed within the time prescribed in § 26-11. The fee is \$10 for each day or part of a day, excluding Sundays and holidays, that a report is overdue. An additional fee of \$40 is due for each of the first six days, excluding Sundays and holidays, that a report pursuant to § 26-11 (a) (1) is overdue. The maximum fee payable with respect to any single report is \$250. A board or its officer shall receive an overdue report or statement even if any late filing fee due has not been paid but the report or statement shall not be considered officially filed until all fees have been paid upon the receipt by the board of an overdue report or statement, no further late filing fees shall be incurred, notwithstanding the fact that the report or statement is not considered officially filed. The late filing fee is the joint and several personal liability of the candidate and treasurer as to the report of a candidate, or of the chairman and treasurer as to the report of a committee. A late filing fee may not be paid, directly or indirectly, from contributions to the candidate or committee and, when paid, may not be treated as a contribution or an expenditure for purposes of this article.~~

~~(b) (A) A person may not become a candidate for public or party office in any election in this State, a certificate of candidacy may not be accepted on his behalf, and he may not become a treasurer for a candidate or committee unless (1) the person has filed or had filed on his behalf all reports or statements required by~~