The General Assembly also recognizes that certain provisions of the Act as presently written are generally regarded as unconstitutional; and

It is further recognized that returning the revenues to the contributors is administratively infeasible; and

In the interests of deactivating a program that it is not feasible to implement at this time and in the interests of developing a means of utilizing the Fair Campaign Fund for a goal that is both attainable and related to its original purpose, the General Assembly hereby declares that the current Fair Campaign Financing Act should be terminated, contingent upon passage of legislation establishing a use for the funds in the Fair Campaign Financing Fund, that the Fair Campaign Financing Commission should be abolished immediately, and that the Fair Campaign Financing Fund should be maintained and preserved until a decision is made by the General Assembly as to its use; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

Fair Campaign Financing Act

31-2.

- (a) In this subtitle the following have the meanings indicated unless otherwise provided:
- (b) "Candidate" means a candidate for a State or county office who is regulated by the expenditure limits in § 31-3.
- [(c) "Commission" means the Fair Campaign Financing Commission provided in § 31-7.]

31-3.

(a) The treasurer of a candidate WHO APPLIES FOR AND ACCEPTS PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND may not expend in excess of the following expenditure limits on behalf of the candidate for an office in an election:

Primary General

(cents per person by population of the area in which the election is to be held)