

[(e)] (F) (1) [On receiving a candidate's seed money, the] THE Comptroller shall disburse [the authorized] public [contribution] CONTRIBUTIONS to a single campaign depository OF AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE, as provided in § 26-5(b) [of the designated candidate].

(2) The State Board has the sole right and responsibility for ordering a disbursement from the fund.

31-5.

(a) [In an election a candidate is entitled to receive a matching public contribution on] ON THE DATE SPECIFIED BY REGULATION PURSUANT TO § 31-4(C) OF THIS ARTICLE, A CANDIDATE IS ENTITLED TO [satisfying the following:] A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION IF:

(1) [That the]THE REQUIRED seed money HAS BEEN RAISED [consists exclusively of private campaign contributions of not more than \$50 from an individual person];

(2) [That the private campaign contributions received are] THE SEED MONEY IS refundable only in the event of the withdrawal of the candidate's name from the ballot; and

(3) [On certification] AS CERTIFIED by the CANDIDATE'S treasurer, on forms prescribed by the State Board, [that] the seed money was raised in accordance with the provisions of this [section] SUBTITLE[, and certification by the candidate's depository that the seed money was collected not later than 45 days prior to] AND RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE YEAR OF the election.

[(b) (1) Contributions of up to \$50 from an individual person shall be the only private contributions eligible for matching as provided in subsection (d).

(2) No private campaign contribution raised more than one year before or less than 45 days prior to an election for which a public contribution is sought, may be matched.

(3) A private campaign contribution to a candidate for a publicly elected political party office may not be matched.]

(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ORDER DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, DESIGNATED FOR DISBURSEMENT IN THE PRIMARY, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) CANDIDATES WHO ARE OPPOSED IN THE PRIMARY SHALL RECEIVE \$1 IN PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EVERY \$2 IN ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

(3) CANDIDATES WHO ARE UNOPPOSED IN THE PRIMARY SHALL RECEIVE \$1 IN PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EVERY \$3 IN ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.