

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

1-1.

(a) As used in this article the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears:

(12) "Partisan organization" means any combination of two or more persons formed for the purpose of assisting the promotion of the success or defeat of any candidate, political party, principle or proposition to be submitted to a vote at any election.

(14) "Political committee" means any combination of two or more persons appointed by a candidate or any other person or formed in any other manner which assists or attempts to assist in any manner the promotion of the success or defeat of any candidate, candidates, political party, principle or proposition submitted to a vote at any election.

26-7.

(a) (1) [Every] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EVERY treasurer and every subtreasurer shall keep detailed, full and accurate accounts in a proper book or books, to be called "account books," to be provided and preserved by [him] THE TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER, of all contributions, money or valuable things received by or promised to, and of all expenditures, disbursements and promises of payment or disbursements of money or valuable things made by any committee, or any of its officers or members, or by any person acting under its authority, or on its behalf or by the treasurer or subtreasurer, and setting forth in such statement and accounts the sum or valuable thing so received, or disbursed, or promised, as the case may be, and the date when, the name AND ADDRESS of the person [and his address] from whom received or promised, or to whom paid or promised, as the case may be, and the object and purposes for which the sum, or other valuable thing, was received, or disbursed, or promised, as the case may be.

(2) Books and records may be destroyed or discarded at any time after two years from the date of filing the final report required by § 26-11 OF THIS ARTICLE unless a court of competent jurisdiction orders their retention for a longer period.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION, A TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER MAY ACCEPT AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY IN THE ACCOUNT BOOKS