

local central committees for a political party.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 26-9(d) ~~and (e)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

**Article 33 – Election Code**

26-9.

(d) (1) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (e-1) of this section, it is unlawful for any individual, association, unincorporated association, corporation, or any other entity either directly or indirectly, to contribute any money or thing of value greater than \$4,000 to any candidate or political committee or to contribute money in excess of \$100 except by check in any 4-year election cycle. Total contributions by a contributor under this subsection shall not exceed \$10,000 in any 4-year election cycle.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE LIMIT ON CONTRIBUTIONS ~~AND EXPENDITURES~~ DURING A 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE BY THE GOVERNING BODY FOR A POLITICAL PARTY OR LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) FOR A STATEWIDE GOVERNING BODY FOR A POLITICAL PARTY, NOT MORE THAN \$1 FOR EVERY TWO REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE, REGARDLESS OF PARTY AFFILIATION, AS OF JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE PRECEDING GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION; AND

(II) FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR A POLITICAL PARTY, NOT MORE THAN \$1 FOR EVERY TWO REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY ~~OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT~~, REGARDLESS OF PARTY AFFILIATION, AS OF JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE PRECEDING GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

[(2)](3) (i) The limitations set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection and subsection (e)(1) of this section shall apply to each 4-year election cycle beginning on January 1 following the gubernatorial election and continuing until December 31 that is 4 years later.

(ii) Without regard to when a contribution or transfer is expended or used, the contribution or transfer shall be charged against the limitation for the election cycle in which:

1. The check is written or dated; or
2. The cash or other thing of value is received.