

(9) The purposes for which public contributions may not be used.

(d) If the State Board determines that there is not, or may not be, sufficient money in the Fund to provide a full public contribution to all eligible candidates in either the primary or general election, the State Board then shall allocate the available money so that all eligible candidates in that election will receive a pro rata share of the full public contribution to which they would otherwise be entitled.

(e) (1) The State Board may request the assistance of the Comptroller in the administration of this subtitle.

(2) The Comptroller shall submit a statement of the Fund's balance to the State Board at the State Board's request and on May 15 of each year.

(f) (1) The Comptroller shall disburse public contributions to a single campaign depository of an eligible candidate, as provided in § 26-5(b) of this article.

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

31-5.

(a) On the date specified by regulation pursuant to § 31-4(c) of this article, a candidate is entitled to a public contribution if:

(1) The required seed money has been raised;

(2) The seed money is refundable only in the event of the withdrawal of the candidate's name from the ballot; and

(3) As certified by the candidate's treasurer, on forms prescribed by the State Board, the seed money was raised in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle and received subsequent to [September 1] MARCH 1 of the year immediately preceding the year of the election.

(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 ~~\$1~~ 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.

(c) (1) The State Board shall order disbursement in the general election of all money remaining in the Fund, including money remaining from the portion designated for the primary, as provided in this subsection.

(2) All eligible candidates who are nominees shall receive equal shares of the Fund.

(3) If a candidate is unopposed on the general election ballot, the candidate shall receive no public contributions.