

(4) An eligible candidate who did not receive public contributions in the primary, but is a nominee in the general election, may only receive public contributions in the general election if the candidate did not spend more than the maximum expenditure limit in the primary.

(5) The State Board shall disburse public contributions promptly after the certification of primary results.

31-6.

(a) A public contribution may be expended only:

- (1) With the authority of the candidate or his treasurer;
- (2) To further the candidate's nomination or election;
- (3) For expenses incurred not later than 30 days after the election for which these were made; and
- (4) For purposes that are not violative of State law.

(b) Any unspent portion of a public contribution shall be repaid to the Comptroller for redeposit in the Fund not later than 60 days following the election for which the public contribution was granted. When computing whether there is an unspent part of a public contribution, all private contributions to the candidate shall be presumed as spent prior to any expenditure of the public contribution.

(c) A candidate and his treasurer are jointly and severally personally liable for repaying to the Comptroller any part of a public contribution which was unspent or which is spent in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

[31-8.] 31-7.

On conviction of each violation of this subtitle, the violator shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. [On conviction a person shall be prohibited from holding office for a period of five years.]

[31-9.

This subtitle may be cited as the Fair Campaign Financing Act.]

[31-10.] 31-8.

[(a) The provisions of §§ 31-1 through 31-9 of this article known as the Fair Campaign Financing Act and providing for a system of fair campaign financing are of no effect and may not be implemented or enforced after July 1, 1995.

(b) Any money remaining in the Fund after disbursements to candidates[, as provided by law and regulations, shall be used to offset the expenses of the disbursement and any remaining after that shall be transferred to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to be used for voter education purposes] IN A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION SHALL BE RECREDITED TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.