

CHAPTER 14**(Senate Bill 36)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Law - Campaign Finance Reports - Expenditures - Receipts
Required**

FOR the purpose of requiring that every expenditure made from a campaign account be supported by a receipt that is retained by the treasurer or subtreasurer of the campaign entity; authorizing certain persons to pay certain campaign expenses from funds other than a campaign account, provided the expenses are reimbursed by check from a campaign account and reported in accordance with law; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to receipts for all expenditures made from a campaign account.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 13-204 and 13-206(a)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

13-204.

(a) Each candidate, political committee, or central committee shall designate a campaign depository or depositories and all funds and contributions in furtherance of a candidacy, political committee or central committee shall, after receipt, be deposited by the treasurer or subtreasurer in the designated campaign depository in an account properly identifying the name of and the existence of the political candidacy, political committee, or central committee.

(b) (1) Except as provided in PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND IN subsection (c) of this section, a candidate, campaign treasurer or subtreasurer may not pay any expense on behalf of a candidate, directly or indirectly, and a political committee or central committee, including political clubs, may not pay any expense of such organization except by check from the designated depository.

(2) A CANDIDATE, CAMPAIGN TREASURER, OR SUBTREASURER, OR A PERSON AUTHORIZED BY A CANDIDATE, CAMPAIGN TREASURER, OR SUBTREASURER, MAY PAY AN EXPENSE OF THE CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN ENTITY FROM FUNDS OTHER THAN A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT PROVIDED:

(I) THE EXPENSE IS SUPPORTED BY A RECEIPT THAT IS RETAINED BY THE TREASURER OR SUBTREASURER OF THE CAMPAIGN ENTITY; AND