

13-202. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY REQUIRED.

(A) PREREQUISITE — CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY.

UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW, ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY FOR AN ELECTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

(B) SAME — CANDIDACY.

(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHES, OR CAUSES TO BE ESTABLISHED, A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

(2) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE EITHER:

(I) A PERSONAL TREASURER; OR

(II) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT IS AN AUTHORIZED CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for clarity and states a proposition that the Election Law Article Review Committee believes is implicit in the totality of former Art. 33, Title 13. The Election Law Article Review Committee calls this addition to the attention of the General Assembly.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-201(a)(1)(ii) and, as it related to the formation of a campaign finance entity, § 13-201(a)(1)(i).

In subsection (b) of this section, the former requirement that "[t]he board or the State Board ..." is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 5-301(b)(2) of this article.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the defined term "campaign finance entity" is added. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the phrase "may not file a certificate of candidacy" is substituted for the former reference to "a condition precedent to qualifying as candidate" for clarity and consistency with this article. *See, e.g.,* the definition of "candidate" in § 1-101 of this article.

Defined terms: "Authorized candidate campaign committee" § 1-101

"Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

"Election" § 1-101

13-203. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT REQUIRED.

EACH CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.