

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (d) through (f) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 13-402(e), (f), (c)(2), and (d)(1)(ii), (2), and (3).

Subsection (c) of this section is new language added for clarity, consistency, and completeness, and because related provisions of law regarding the maintenance of campaign finance reports by the State Board or a local board are decodified and transferred to the Session Laws. *See* Section 5, Ch. 291, Acts of 2002, which also enacted this article.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance entity" is substituted for the former references to "candidates, personal treasurer accounts, and political committees". *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

In subsections (b) and (d) of this section, the defined term "campaign finance report[s]" is substituted for the former references to "reports" and "campaign finance information" for clarity. *See* General Revisor's Note to this title and § 1-101 of this article.

In subsection (e) of this section, the former reference to an "incomplete" report is deleted as surplusage.

The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the authority granted to the State Board under subsection (e) of this section to refuse to accept or process a campaign finance report that is submitted using an electronic medium, but which is not submitted in accordance with the requirements of the State Board, may not be broad enough. There does not, for example, appear to be a comparable statement of authority in the current law that would allow the State Board to refuse to accept or process a campaign finance report, submitted by means other than an electronic medium, because the report fails to comply with the requirements of the State Board.

The requirements of former Art. 33, § 13-402(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i), which required campaign finance reports or statements to be filed with the State Board in an electronic storage format beginning in November 1997 and before November 1, 2000, respectively, are transferred to the Session Laws. *See* Section 5, Ch. 291, Acts of 2002, which also enacted this article.

Defined terms: "Campaign finance entity" § 1-101

"Campaign finance report" § 1-101

"State Board" § 1-101