

(II) THE PUBLIC INTEREST WOULD NOT BE IMPAIRED SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE OMISSION OF THIS INFORMATION; AND

(III) THE PERSON FILING THE STATEMENT STIPULATES THAT THE PERSON HAS DONE PUBLIC BUSINESS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(D) CUSTODIAN.

(1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL RETAIN EACH STATEMENT FILED UNDER THIS TITLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AFTER ITS RECEIPT AND SHALL MAKE THE STATEMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPYING DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

(2) THE STATE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH REASONABLE FEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES GOVERNING PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF THE STATEMENTS FILED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(E) FORMS.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL PRESCRIBE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 14-102.

The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that former Art. 33, § 14-102 is ambiguous and inconsistent in parts and, as a consequence, is not a model of clarity regarding the schedule for filing initial reports of contributions, the trigger for reporting contributions, and the period during which reporting is required in the absence of new contracts. The revision encompassed by this section represents an interpretation that is consistent with the advice of, and the administration of this title by, the State Board, and with the notice and reporting requirements under §§ 13-218, 13-221, and 17-402 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to the time a contract is "made" is substituted for the former reference to the "completion" of the contract, for clarity, specificity, and consistency with the legal advice provided to the State Board in a letter dated June 19, 1998, to Helen L. Koss, Chairman of the State Administrative Board of Elections, et al, from Kathleen Hoke Dachille, Assistant Attorney General, advising the State Board that the execution of the sale, purchase, lease, or contract should be the operative standard.

Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the phrase "24 months" is substituted for the former reference to the "2 calendar years" for clarity and specificity and to avoid a gap, which the Election Law Article Review Committee presumes to be unintended, in the required reporting period of applicable contributions and for consistency with the advice given to the State Board in the Dachille letter dated June 19, 1998, to Helen L. Koss