

"GUBERNATORIAL TICKET" MEANS A GOVERNOR-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UNIT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(b).

The term "[g]ubernatorial ticket" is substituted for the former term "[c]andidate" for clarity and because the Governor and Lieutenant Governor may not run for office as *individual* candidates but must run as a unit. Moreover, the defined term "candidate" is used throughout this article to mean *an* individual who runs for office. See § 1-101 of this article.

The Election Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that this title appears to envision that a gubernatorial ticket must formally file a certificate of candidacy as a unit *before* seeking to qualify for public financing under this title. Current law apparently excludes an *individual* seeking the gubernatorial nomination from being eligible to qualify for public financing in the early stages of an election campaign *before* the individual has formally designated a lieutenant governor candidate as a running mate under § 5-205 of this article. This result seems anomalous in light of the usual treatment of a governor and lieutenant governor candidate under this article wherein *each* candidate has a separate contribution limit per election cycle. See, e.g., letter dated July 30, 1997 from Mary O. Lunden, Assistant Attorney General, to Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire.

(G) PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

"PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONEY DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FUND TO A GUBERNATORIAL TICKET UNDER THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(g).

As to the substitution of the phrase "gubernatorial ticket" for the former word "candidate", see the Revisor's Note to subsection (f) of this section.

(H) SEED MONEY.

"SEED MONEY" MEANS CUMULATIVE ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS EQUALING 10% OR MORE OF THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT PRESCRIBED UNDER § 15-105 OF THIS TITLE FOR AN ELECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 15-102(h).

The reference to contributions equaling 10% "or more" of the expenditure limit is added for clarity.

The reference to "cumulative" eligible private contributions is substituted