

committee or whether it is intended to cover *all* of a candidate's political committees (campaign finance entities).

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(a) (1) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of this Part VII is subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000.

(2) If the person is not an individual, each officer and partner who knowingly authorized or participated in the violation is subject to the same penalty specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) (1) Any person who is subject to the provisions of this Part VII shall preserve for 3 years from the date of filing the application all accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents necessary to complete and substantiate any reports, statements, or records required to be made under this Part VII.

(2) The papers and documents described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be available for inspection upon request to the Howard County Ethics Commission, after reasonable notice.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 13-402(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i) of Article 33 - Election Code of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed and reenacted, with amendments, and transferred to the Session Laws, to read as follows:

ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS

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[(c)] (A) (1) [(i)] Except as provided in [subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,] PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, beginning with the campaign finance report that is due in November 1997, all campaign finance reports required under [§ 13-401 of this subtitle] TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, which must be filed with the State Board may be submitted to and maintained by the State Board in an electronic storage format.

[(ii)] (2) Beginning with the campaign finance report that is due in November 1997, all campaign finance reports that are required under [§ 13-401 of this subtitle] TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, which must be filed with the State Board by a statewide candidate and any political committee affiliated with the candidate shall be submitted to and maintained by the State Board in an electronic storage format.

[(d)] (B) (1) [(i)] All campaign finance reports due before November 1, 2000, as required under [§ 13-401 of this subtitle,] TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, shall be filed with the State Board on a diskette and maintained by the State Board in an electronic storage format.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 13-402(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i).