

political party, statewide principle, statewide proposition, or other principle or proposition submitted to a vote at an election in more than one county or Baltimore City.

(f) Each candidate, the treasurer of each candidate, and the chairman and treasurer of each committee shall be notified by the elections board with which that person files reports under this section, by first-class mail and no more than 20 nor less than 10 days prior to the applicable filing date, of each report that person is required to file. The notice shall include the filing date, the place for filing, the penalty for failure to file a timely report, and the telephone number and business hours of the office where the report is to be filed.

(g) (1) Any report received after the filing deadline shall be considered timely:

(i) Regardless of when it is received, if a United States Postal Service postmark or receipt verifies that the report was mailed on or before the filing deadline; or

(ii) If it is received by the State Board or the appropriate local board within 3 days after the filing deadline and a private postal meter postmark or receipt by a private carrier verifies that the report was mailed or delivered to the private carrier on or before the filing deadline.

(2) Unless a report is mailed, the boards and the State Board shall provide a receipt for each report received.

(h) The provisions of this section shall apply to all committees and treasurers for candidates for public or party office located outside of the geographic boundaries of the State with respect to all expenditures of funds within the State of Maryland.

(i) For purposes of this section, the failure to provide all of the information required by the forms prescribed in accordance with § 13-402 of this subtitle, to the extent applicable, is a failure to file.

(j) Within 10 days after the deadline for the filing of any report which is required to be filed with the State Board, the State Board shall compile a list of every candidate or committee which failed to file the report and shall distribute the list to the appropriate local election boards. Within 10 days after the deadline for the filing of any report which is required to be filed with a local election board, the local board shall compile a list of every candidate or committee which failed to file the report and shall send the list to the State Board.

(k) The provisions of this section are not applicable to a candidate or candidates for election or elected to a public office of the United States. This candidate or candidates shall file all reports and statements according to federal laws or regulations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Election Law