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(a) As used in this article the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears:

(7) "Expenditure" means any gift, transfer, disbursement or promise of money or valuable thing by any candidate, treasurer, or other agent of [such] THE candidate, political party or partisan organization to:

(I) [promote] PROMOTE or assist in the promotion of the success or defeat of any candidate, political party, principle or proposition submitted to a vote at any election; OR

(II) ~~PAY FOR WRITING, PUBLISHING, PRINTING, ISSUING, OR DISTRIBUTING THE PUBLICATION EXPENSE OF A LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER UNDER § 26-18.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

26-13.

(a) There is a late filing fee for each report or statement of expenditures and contributions which is not filed within the time prescribed in § 26-11. The fee is \$10 for each day or part of a day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, that a report is overdue. An additional fee of \$10 is due for each of the first six days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, that a preelection report is overdue pursuant to §§ 26-11(a)(1) and (2), 26-11(c) and 26-11(d). The maximum fee payable with respect to any single report is \$250. A board or its officer shall receive an overdue report or statement even if any late filing fee due has not been paid but the report or statement shall not be considered officially filed until all fees have been paid. Upon the receipt by the board of an overdue report or statement, no further late filing fees shall be incurred, notwithstanding the fact that the report or statement is not considered officially filed. The late filing fee is the joint and several personal liability of the candidate and treasurer as to the report of a candidate, or of the chairman and treasurer as to the report of a committee. A late filing fee may not be paid, directly or indirectly, from contributions to the candidate or committee and, when paid, may not be treated as a contribution or an expenditure for purposes of this article.

(b) A person may not become a candidate for public or party office in any election in this State, a certificate of candidacy may not be accepted on his behalf, and he may not become a treasurer for a candidate or committee unless (1) the person has filed or had filed on his behalf all reports or statements required by § 26-11 of this article and subsection (d) of this section to be filed by him, as a candidate, chairman, or treasurer, during the five calendar years preceding the election in which the person seeks to become a candidate or treasurer, and (2) any late filing fees due in connection with such reports and statements have been paid.

(c) Each board shall promptly notify the State Administrative Board of Election Laws of any report or statement required by § 26-11 to be filed which is more than 30 days overdue. Whenever it learns that a required report or statement is more than 30 days overdue, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall issue a notice to the candidate and treasurer, if the report is the statement of a candidate, or to the chairman