

(III) "CANDIDATE" ALSO INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL, PRIOR TO THAT INDIVIDUAL FILING A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, IF A FILING UNDER § 26-3 OR § 26-4 OF THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN MADE ON BEHALF OF THAT INDIVIDUAL.

(8C) "INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE BY A PERSON ~~EXPRESSLY OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO AID OR PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF ANY CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION THAT IS:~~

~~(I) MADE WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF, OR CONSULTATION WITH, A CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OR AGENT OF THE CANDIDATE; AND~~

~~(II) NOT MADE IN CONCERT COORDINATION WITH, OR AT THE REQUEST OR SUGGESTION OF, A CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OR AGENT OF THE CANDIDATE.~~

(14) "Political committee" means any combination of two or more persons appointed by a candidate or any other person or formed in any other manner which assists or attempts to assist in any manner the promotion of the success or defeat of any candidate, candidates, political party, principle or proposition submitted to a vote at any election.

(17A) "SLATE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF 2 OR MORE CANDIDATES WHO JOIN TOGETHER TO CONDUCT AND PAY FOR JOINT CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ON MORE THAN AN OCCASIONAL BASIS.

26-4.

(a) Every central committee, partisan organization, or political committee, as defined in §§ 1-1(a)(4A), 1-1(a)(12), 1-1(a)(14) and 4D-1(a) of this article, except political clubs, shall appoint and constantly maintain a chairman and a treasurer, whose names and residence addresses, together with the names and residence addresses of its other principal officers, shall be filed where campaign fund reports are required to be filed pursuant to § 26-11. The chairman, treasurer, and other principal officers shall all be registered voters of the State of Maryland. The treasurer shall receive, keep, and disburse all sums of money, or other valuable things, which may be collected, received, or disbursed by the committee or organization or by any of its members for any purposes for which the committee or organization exists or acts. Unless the chairman, treasurer, and other officers are appointed and filed as required in this subsection, it is unlawful and a violation of this article for a central committee, partisan organization, or political committee, or any of its members, to collect, or receive, or disburse money, or other valuable things, for such purposes. A chairman or treasurer of a committee or organization who resigns or otherwise ceases to be chairman or treasurer, as the case may be, shall notify the board or the State Administrative Board of Election Laws where the original appointment was filed on a form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws signed by him. A new appointment must be made and filed immediately in accordance with this section. The treasurer and chairman shall file campaign fund reports in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and § 26-11 of this article.