

COMPUTED AT THE ~~APPLICABLE FEDERAL~~ PRIME RATE LESS THE AMOUNT OF THE INTEREST ACTUALLY CHARGED SHALL CONSTITUTE A CONTRIBUTION THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(H) THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF THE MONTHLY APPLICABLE FEDERAL RATES, BEGINNING WITH THE RATE IN JANUARY, 1992.~~

26-9.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no person other than a candidate shall, to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party or principle or of any proposition submitted to vote at any public election, or of any candidate for nomination for, or election to public or party office, make a payment or contribution of money or property or incur any liability or promise any valuable thing to any person other than to the treasurer or subtreasurer of a candidate or treasurer of a political committee in their official capacity.

(b) (1) A contribution may be made directly to a candidate provided the candidate shall report the contribution to the candidate's treasurer.

(2) Nothing contained in this subtitle shall limit or affect the right of any person to volunteer the time or personal vehicle of the person for transportation incident to any election or to expend money for proper legal expenses in maintaining or contesting the results of any election.

[(3) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall preclude any person from expressing the person's own personal views on any subject, hiring halls, holding receptions, buying newspaper space and radio or television time, provided, that coincident with the statement or advertising notice shall be given that the views so expressed are the person's own, and that the statement so made is a "paid political advertisement".]

(d) (1) [It] ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E)~~ SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (E-1) OF THIS SECTION, IT is unlawful for any individual, association, unincorporated association, corporation, or any other entity either directly or indirectly, to contribute any money or thing of value greater than [~~\$1,000~~ \$4,000 ~~\$5,000~~ \$4,000] to any candidate OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE or to contribute money in excess of \$100 except by check in any [primary, general or special] 4-YEAR election CYCLE. Total contributions by a contributor under this subsection shall not exceed [~~\$2,500~~ \$10,000] in any [primary or general] 4-YEAR election CYCLE.

(2) (1) THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO EACH 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION AND CONTINUING UNTIL DECEMBER 31 THAT IS 4 YEARS LATER.