

Article 33 - Election Code

13-206.

(d) Prior to the time of filing the final report required by § 13-401 of this title, any surplus funds remaining after payment of all campaign expenditures shall be:

- (1) Returned, pro rata, to the contributors by the treasurer;
- (2) Paid to the State central committee of the party of which the candidate is a member or for which the political committee is acting;
- (3) Paid to a central committee of the party of which the candidate is a member or for which the political committee is acting so long as the central committee is located in a county in which the candidate resides or seeks to represent;
- (4) Paid to the local board of education or to a recognized nonprofit organization providing services or funds for the benefit of pupils or teachers;
- (5) Paid to a charitable organization registered or exempt from registration under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act; or
- (6) Paid to any public or private institution of higher education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to be used by that institution to award scholarships, grants, or loans to students attending the institution.

13-401.

(a) A candidate for nomination or election to public or party office, including write-in candidates, and the treasurer designated by that candidate shall file the report or statement of contributions and expenditures as prescribed in accordance with § 13-402 of this subtitle with the board at which the candidate filed his certificate of candidacy. All reports or statements of contributions and expenditures shall be filed in duplicate except those filed with the State Board. Election reports as specified below are required by all candidates for public or party office whether or not the candidate's name appears on the primary ballot, or the candidate withdraws subsequent to filing his certificate of candidacy, or the candidate is unsuccessful in the election. Each report filed shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination or election by the candidate himself or, with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or groups of persons, which shall be complete, except as otherwise provided in this section through and including the seventh day immediately preceding the day by which that report is to be filed. The initial report filed shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which he is a candidate. Each subsequent report shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report is filed. Even if no contributions or expenditures have been made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report was filed, a statement to that effect must be filed on the forms prescribed pursuant to § 13-402 of this subtitle under the circumstances and at the times specified in this section. The initial and subsequent reports shall be consecutively filed as follows: