

(1) AT THE TIME OF FILING A PETITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI-A OR ARTICLE XVI OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE PERSON WHO FILES THE PETITION SHALL ALSO FILE A SIGNED STATEMENT, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PETITION INCLUDING:

(I) THE NAME AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF EVERY CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPENSE OF THE PETITION;

(II) THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY EACH CONTRIBUTOR; AND

(III) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM ANY MONEY WAS PAID OR PROMISED FOR PROVIDING A SERVICE RELATED TO THE PETITION.

(2) IF THE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT FILED WITH THE PETITION, THE PETITION MAY NOT BE CERTIFIED UNDER § 6-208 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) (I) THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SIGNED THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE A PARTY TO ANY PROCEEDING TO TEST THE VALIDITY OF THE PETITION.

(II) THE PROCEEDING SHALL BE FILED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PERSON OR ASSOCIATION RESIDES OR MAINTAINS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

7-106. PUBLICATION OF QUESTIONS.

(A) GENERALLY.

(1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A QUESTION SUBMITTED UNDER ARTICLE XIV OR XVI OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION ONCE A WEEK DURING THE 2 3 WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH A QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION EACH QUESTION SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN § 7-104(A) OF THIS TITLE AND A BRIEF STATEMENT, PREPARED IN CLEAR AND CONCISE LANGUAGE, DEVOID OF TECHNICAL AND LEGAL TERMS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SUMMARIZING THE QUESTION.

(3) THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR EACH STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTION AND EACH QUESTION RELATING TO AN ENACTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS:

(I) THE STATEMENT IS CONTAINED IN AN ENACTMENT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE ENACTMENT CLEARLY SPECIFIES THAT THE STATEMENT IS TO BE USED ON THE BALLOTS; OR