

to be filed by this article. These reports, statements, and accounts shall be kept as part of the records of the officer or board for a period not to exceed five years or for at least one year beyond the length of the term of the public or party office for which every candidate to whom these reports, statements, or accounts apply, has offered himself for nomination or election, regardless if the candidate is successful, unsuccessful, or resigns, or for a longer period if ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. These reports, statements, and accounts shall be subject and open to inspection by any citizen of this State during the hours in which the office in which the reports, statements, and accounts are kept is open. Thereafter, the reports, statements, and accounts shall be transferred to the State Archives. Before transferring any reports, statements or accounts to the State Archives, the officer or board with whom they were filed shall make a permanent record of all election reports required to have been filed by [§ 26-11] § 13-401 OF THIS SUBTITLE but which have not been filed. The permanent record shall include the name of the candidate or the committee, the treasurer, an identification of the missing report, and, if a final report, a notation of the amount of any outstanding balance, bills or deficits as shown on the last report filed. The officer or board shall file a copy of this permanent record with the State [Administrative] Board [of Election Laws] and with the State Archives. Copies of these reports, statements and accounts certified by the principal administrative officer in whose office they are kept under the seal of his office shall be evidence in any court to the same extent as the original report, statement or account would be if produced and proved.

SUBTITLE 5. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS.

[26-17.] 13-501. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS - GENERALLY.

(a) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CAMPAIGN MATERIAL" INCLUDES MATERIAL TRANSMITTED BY OR APPEARING ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, SUCH AS THE INTERNET.

[(1)](2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, each item of campaign material shall contain, set apart from any other printing on it, an authority line containing the name and address of the person, candidate, treasurer, chairman, or campaign manager responsible for the campaign material. The material shall also include, if applicable, the name of the candidate or committee responsible for the campaign material.

(ii) If the address required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is on file with the appropriate board or the State [Administrative] Board [of Election Laws], the campaign material need not contain the address.

(iii) If the campaign material is too small to permit the inclusion of all required information in a legible manner, the material need only contain the name of the person, candidate, treasurer, chairman, or campaign manager responsible for the material.