HOUSE BILL 93

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By: Delegate Terrasa

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Candidates for Offices of Municipalities and Common Ownership Communities Reports of Donations and Disbursements

- 4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain municipalities, cooperative housing corporations, 5 condominiums, and homeowners associations that require candidates for office to file 6 reports of donations and disbursements to transmit copies of the reports to the State 7 Board of Elections; requiring candidates for offices of certain municipalities, 8 cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations that 9 do not require candidates for office to file reports of donations and disbursements to 10 establish an election committee and file reports of donations and disbursements with 11 the State Board; and generally relating to reports of donations and disbursements by candidates for offices of municipalities and common ownership communities. 12
- 13 BY adding to
- 14 Article Corporations and Associations
- 15 Section 5–6B–25.2
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 18 BY repealing
- 19 Article Local Government
- 20 Section 4–108.2
- 21 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 22 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 23 BY adding to
- 24 Article Local Government
- 25 Section 4–108.2
- 26 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 27 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



TO THE STATE BOARD.

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1	BY adding to									
$\frac{2}{3}$	Article – Real Property									
3 4	Section 11–109.5 and 11B–106.3 Annotated Code of Maryland									
5	(2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)									
6	BY adding to									
7	Article – Election Law									
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10	(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)									
11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,									
12	,									
13	Article – Corporations and Associations									
14	5-6B-25.2.									
15	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS									
16	INDICATED.									
17	(2) "DISBURSEMENT" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE, A GIFT, A TRANSFER,									
18	OR A PROMISE OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE BY A CANDIDATE FOR									
19	ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION									
20	TO PROMOTE THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.									
21	(3) "DONATION" MEANS THE GIFT, TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF GIFT									
22	OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A CANDIDATE FOR									
23	ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION									
24	TO PROMOTE THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.									
25	(4) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.									
26	(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A COOPERATIVE HOUSING									
27	CORPORATION THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 2,000 UNITS.									
28	(C) (1) IF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION REQUIRES									
29	CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COOPERATIVE									
30	HOUSING CORPORATION TO FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS,									
31	WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE FOR EACH REPORT, THE COOPERATIVE									
32	HOUSING CORPORATION SHALL TRANSMIT A COPY OF EACH REPORT THAT IS FILED									

- 1 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE EACH REPORT THAT IT RECEIVES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.
- 3 (D) If A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION DOES NOT REQUIRE
- 4 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COOPERATIVE
- 5 HOUSING CORPORATION TO FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, A
- 6 CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COOPERATIVE
- 7 HOUSING CORPORATION SHALL FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND
- 8 DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–106 OF THE
- 9 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

10 Article – Local Government

- 11 [4–108.2.
- If a municipality requires candidates in a municipal election to file campaign finance
- 13 reports, within 10 days after the filing deadline, each candidate in the municipal election
- shall submit to the State Board of Elections a copy of the campaign finance report that was
- 15 filed by the candidate.
- 16 **4–108.2.**
- 17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
- 18 INDICATED.

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- 19 (2) "DISBURSEMENT" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE, A GIFT, A TRANSFER,
- 20 OR A PROMISE OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE BY A CANDIDATE FOR
- 21 MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 22 (3) "DONATION" MEANS THE GIFT, TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF GIFT
- 23 OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A CANDIDATE FOR
- 24 MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 25 (4) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
- 26 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A MUNICIPALITY THAT HAS AT LEAST 27 5,000 RESIDENTS.
- 28 (C) (1) IF A MUNICIPALITY REQUIRES CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL
- 29 OFFICE TO FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, WITHIN 5 DAYS
- 30 AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE FOR EACH REPORT, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL
- 31 TRANSMIT A COPY OF EACH REPORT THAT IS FILED TO THE STATE BOARD.
 - (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE EACH REPORT THAT IT RECEIVES

- 1 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.
- 2 (D) IF A MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL
- 3 OFFICE TO FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, A CANDIDATE FOR
- 4 AN OFFICE OF THAT MUNICIPALITY SHALL FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND
- 5 DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–106 OF THE
- 6 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

7 Article - Real Property

- 8 **11–109.5**.
- 9 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 10 INDICATED.
- 11 (2) "DISBURSEMENT" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE, A GIFT, A TRANSFER,
- 12 OR A PROMISE OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE BY A CANDIDATE FOR
- 13 ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CONDOMINIUM TO PROMOTE THE
- 14 ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 15 (3) "DONATION" MEANS THE GIFT, TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF GIFT
- 16 OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A CANDIDATE FOR
- 17 ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CONDOMINIUM TO PROMOTE THE
- 18 ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 19 (4) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
- 20 **(B)** This section applies only to a condominium that contains at 21 Least **2,000** units.
- (c) (1) If a condominium requires candidates for election to
- 23 THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONDOMINIUM TO FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS
- 24 AND DISBURSEMENTS, WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE FOR EACH
- 25 REPORT, THE CONDOMINIUM SHALL TRANSMIT A COPY OF EACH REPORT THAT IS
- 26 FILED TO THE STATE BOARD.
- 27 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE EACH REPORT THAT IT RECEIVES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.
- 29 (D) IF A CONDOMINIUM DOES NOT REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO
- 30 THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONDOMINIUM TO FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS
- 31 AND DISBURSEMENTS, A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF
- 32 THAT CONDOMINIUM SHALL FILE REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS
- 33 WITH THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–106 OF THE ELECTION LAW

- 1 ARTICLE.
- 2 11B-106.3.
- 3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 4 INDICATED.
- 5 (2) "DISBURSEMENT" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE, A GIFT, A TRANSFER,
- 6 OR A PROMISE OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE BY A CANDIDATE FOR
- 7 ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE
- 8 THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 9 (3) "DONATION" MEANS THE GIFT, TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF GIFT
- 10 OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A CANDIDATE FOR
- 11 ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE
- 12 THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 13 (4) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
- 14 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR A 15 DEVELOPMENT THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 2,000 LOTS.
- 16 (C) (1) If A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REQUIRES CANDIDATES FOR
- 17 ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO FILE
- 18 REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE FILING
- 19 DEADLINE FOR EACH REPORT, THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SHALL TRANSMIT A
- 20 COPY OF EACH REPORT THAT IS FILED TO THE STATE BOARD.
- 21 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE EACH REPORT THAT IT RECEIVES
- 22 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.
- 23 (D) IF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DOES NOT REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR
- 24 ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO FILE
- 25 REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO
- 26 THE GOVERNING BODY OF THAT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SHALL FILE REPORTS
- 27 OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE
- 28 WITH § 13–106 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

29 Article – Election Law

- 30 **13–106.**
- 31 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
- 32 INDICATED.

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1	(2) "CANDIDATE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS ELECTION TO:									
2	(I) A PUBLIC OFFICE OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; OR									
3	(II) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION, CONDOMINIUM, OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.									
4	CORPORATION, CONDOMINIUM, OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.									
5	(3) "CONDOMINIUM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11–101 OF THE									
6	REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE.									
7	(4) "COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION" HAS THE MEANING									
8	STATED IN § 5–6B–01 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.									
9	(5) "DISBURSEMENT" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE, A GIFT, A TRANSFER.									
10	OR A PROMISE OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE BY A CANDIDATE TO PROMOTE									
11	THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.									
12	(6) "DONATION" MEANS THE GIFT, TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF GIFT									
13	OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A CANDIDATE TO PROMOTE									
14	THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.									
15	(7) "HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §									
16	11B-101 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE.									
17	(B) This section applies only to a candidate who is required to									
18	FILE A REPORT OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE STATE BOARD									
19	UNDER:									
20	(1) § 5-6B-25.2 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS									
21	ARTICLE;									
22	(2) § 4–108.2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;									
23	(3) § 11–109.5 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE; OR									
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24	(4) § 11B–106.3 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE.									
25 26	(C) A CANDIDATE MAY ACCEPT A DONATION OR MAKE A DISBURSEMENT ONLY IF THE CANDIDATE:									

ESTABLISHES AN ELECTION COMMITTEE; AND

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3 4	(D) STATEMEN								TTEE BY FII	LING A		
5		(1)	THE	APPOIN'	TMENT	OF A TREAS	SURER; A	ND				
6		(2)	ANY	OTHER 1	INFORM	IATION THA	T THE S	гате Во	ARD REQUI	RES.		
7	(E)	AN E	LECTI	ON COM	IMITTE	E SHALL:						
8	ACCOUNT;	(1) AND	DEPO	OSIT AL	L DON	ATIONS RE	CEIVED	IN A DI	ESIGNATED	BANK		
10	ACCOUNT.	(2)	MAK	E ALL	DISBU	RSEMENTS	FROM	THE DE	SIGNATED	BANK		
2	(F)	DISB	BURSE	MENTS (OF AN E	LECTION C	OMMITT	EE SHALI	L :			
13		(1)	PASS	THROU	GH THE	E HANDS OF	THE TR	EASURER	R; AND			
4		(2)	BE IN	N ACCOR	RDANCE	WITH THE	PURPOS	E OF THE	ENTITY.			
15 16	(G) DETAILED	(1) AND A					TION COM	IMITTEE	SHALL MAI	NTAIN		
17			(I)	DONAT	TIONS R	ECEIVED B	Y THE EL	ECTION	COMMITTER	E; AND		
18			(II)	DISBU	RSEME	NTS MADE I	BY THE E	LECTION	COMMITTE	Ε.		
19 20 21	REQUIRED PERIOD OF		MAIN	TAINED	UNDEF	R PARAGRA	PH (1) O		THE RECUBSECTION			
22 23	(H) THE TREASURER OF AN ELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL FILE REPORTS WITH THE STATE BOARD:											
24		(1)	USIN	G AN EL	ECTRO	NIC FORMA	т;					
25		(2)	WITH	I THE EI	LECTRO	NIC SIGNAT	TURE OF	THE TRE	EASURER;			
26		(3)	UND	ER OATH	I OR AF	FIRMATION	I; AND					

SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY.

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- 1 (I) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE THE REPORTS SUBMITTED UNDER THIS 2 SECTION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.
- 3 (J) (1) A REPORT FILED BY THE TREASURER OF AN ELECTION 4 COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE BOARD 5 WITH RESPECT TO ALL DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE ELECTION
- 6 COMMITTEE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.
- 7 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL, BY REGULATION, ESTABLISH THE 8 REPORTING PERIODS FOR EACH OF THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 9 **(K) (1)** AN ELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL FILE A REPORT UNDER THIS 10 SECTION:
- 11 (I) ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH QUARTER OF EACH 12 CALENDAR YEAR; AND
- 13 (II) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY THAT IS 14 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE 14 OF THE ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE THE CANDIDATE IS SEEKING.
- 15 (2) (I) INSTEAD OF FILING A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER
 16 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ELECTION COMMITTEE MAY FILE AN
 17 AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE ELECTION COMMITTEE HAS NOT RAISED OR SPENT A
 18 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 OR MORE, REGARDLESS OF THE BALANCE IN THE
- 19 COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT, SINCE:
- 20 1. ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION COMMITTEE; OR
- 2. FILING THE ELECTION COMMITTEE'S LAST REPORT.
- 22 (II) THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE 23 A REPORT IS DUE TO BE FILED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 24 (L) IF THE TREASURER OF AN ELECTION COMMITTEE FAILS TO PROVIDE 25 ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON A REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION:
- 26 (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE TREASURER IN WRITING 27 OF THE PARTICULAR DEFICIENCIES; AND
- 28 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL FILE AN AMENDED REPORT THAT 29 INCLUDES ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF 30 THE NOTICE.

- 1 (M) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ASSESS LATE FILING FEES FOR 2 FAILURE TO PROPERLY FILE A REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 3 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ASSESS THE FEES IN THE FOLLOWING 4 AMOUNTS FOR EACH DAY OR PART OF A DAY THAT A REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION 5 IS OVERDUE:
- 5 IS OVERDUE:
- 6 (I) \$20 FOR EACH OF THE FIRST 7 DAYS;
- 7 (II) \$35 FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING 7 DAYS; AND
- 8 (III) \$50 FOR EACH DAY THEREAFTER.
- 9 (3) THE MAXIMUM FEE PAYABLE FOR A REPORT IS \$1,000.
- 10 (N) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A
 11 LATE FILING FEE SHALL BE PAID BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.
- 12 (II) IF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE HAS INSUFFICIENT FUNDS
- 13 WITH WHICH TO PAY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE LATE FILING FEE IN A TIMELY
- 14 MANNER, AFTER THE ACCOUNT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE IS EXHAUSTED THE
- 15 BALANCE OF THE LATE FILING FEE IS THE LIABILITY OF THE TREASURER.
- 16 (2) LATE FILING FEES SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15–103 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- 18 (3) (I) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ACCEPT AN OVERDUE REPORT
- 19 THAT IS SUBMITTED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE LATE FILING FEE, BUT THE REPORT
- 20 IS NOT CONSIDERED FILED UNTIL THE FEE HAS BEEN PAID.
- 21 (II) AFTER AN OVERDUE REPORT IS RECEIVED UNDER
- 22 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NO FURTHER LATE FILING FEE SHALL BE
- 23 INCURRED.
- 24 (4) THE TREASURER OF AN ELECTION COMMITTEE THAT FAILS TO
- 25 PROPERLY FILE A REPORT MAY SEEK RELIEF FROM A LATE FILING FEE FOR JUST
- 26 CAUSE AS PROVIDED IN § 13–337 OF THIS TITLE.
- 27 (0) (1) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THERE HAS BEEN, FOR
- 28 MORE THAN 30 DAYS, A FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT OR PAY A LATE FILING FEE
- 29 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE NOTICE REQUIRED
- 30 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE TREASURER OF THE ELECTION
- 31 COMMITTEE IN VIOLATION.

- 1 (2) THE NOTICE SHALL DEMAND THAT, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER 2 SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, EITHER:
- 3 (I) THE FAILURE TO FILE BE RECTIFIED AND ANY LATE FILING
- 4 FEE DUE BE PAID; OR
- 5 (II) THE TREASURER SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STATE BOARD
- 6 SHOULD NOT ASK THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE
- 7 THE TREASURER FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.
- 8 (3) IN ITS DISCRETION, THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTING
- 9 AUTHORITY MAY REFER THE MATTER FOR ACTION TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION
- 10 Unit within the Department of Budget and Management.
- 11 (P) A TREASURER WHO FAILS, WITHOUT CAUSE, TO FILE THE REPORT AND
- 12 PAY THE LATE FILING FEE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE NOTICE
- 13 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (O)(2) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
- 14 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED IN
- 15 **§ 13–603** OF THIS TITLE.
- 16 (Q) A CANDIDATE WHOSE ELECTION COMMITTEE HAS FAILED TO FILE A
- 17 REPORT OR PAY A LATE FILING FEE THAT IS DUE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT,
- 18 UNTIL THE REPORT IS FILED OR THE LATE FILING FEE IS PAID:
- 19 (1) BE DEEMED TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE THE CANDIDATE
- 20 SEEKS;
- 21 (2) TAKE THE OATH OR OTHERWISE ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE
- 22 OFFICE; OR
- 23 (3) IF APPLICABLE, RECEIVE A SALARY OR COMPENSATION FOR THE
- 24 **OFFICE.**
- 25 (R) (1) THE STATE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY ON AN
- 26 ELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS:
- 27 (I) MAKING A DISBURSEMENT FOR A PURPOSE NOT RELATED
- 28 TO THE ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE THE CANDIDATE SEEKS;
- 29 (II) FAILURE TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE
- 30 WITH SUBSECTION (S) OF THIS SECTION;
- 31 (III) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE RECORDS REQUIRED UNDER
- 32 SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION; OR

- 1 (IV) FAILURE TO REPORT ALL DONATIONS AND
- 2 DISBURSEMENTS.
- 3 (2) A CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
- 4 ASSESSED IN THE AMOUNT AND IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN § 13–604.1 OF THIS
- 5 TITLE.
- 6 (3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A
- 7 CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID BY THE
- 8 ELECTION COMMITTEE.
- 9 (II) IF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE HAS INSUFFICIENT FUNDS
- 10 WITH WHICH TO PAY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IN A TIMELY
- 11 MANNER, AFTER THE ACCOUNT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE IS EXHAUSTED THE
- 12 BALANCE OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IS THE LIABILITY OF THE TREASURER.
- 13 (S) BEFORE FILING A FINAL REPORT, AN ELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL PAY
- 14 ALL OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AND DISPOSE OF ALL ITS REMAINING ASSETS IN
- 15 ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–247 OF THIS TITLE.
- 16 (T) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
- 17 SECTION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
- 19 1, 2022.