

Title 33 State Board of Elections

Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing

33.13.22 Legal Expenses

Authority: Election Law Article, §§ 1-101 and 2-102(b)(4) [and 13-233], Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Scope.

A. This chapter applies to legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election *of a political committee*.

.02 [Establishment.

Prior to the receipt of contributions received pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-233, Annotated Code of Maryland, a political contested election committee shall:

A. Establish a segregated checking account from the campaign accounts of the political committee, consistent with the requirements of Election Law Article, §13-220, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

B. Register the segregated account with the financial institution and the State Board in a manner that identifies it as being for legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election.] **IN RESERVE**

.03 Management.

The political committee shall[:

A.]Maintain account books and records for legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election in accordance with the requirements of Election Law Article, §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland]; and

B. Report all contributions received, disbursements made, and outstanding obligations incurred in connection with legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election on a disclosure report].

.04 Reporting.

(text unchanged)

.05 Applicability of Contribution Limits.

A. Contributions.

(1) All monies received from [an individual] *a person* to the political committee to pay for the legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result are contributions.

(2) All services provided by [an individual] *a person* to the political committee to offset the costs of legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result are contributions.

B. Contribution Limit. [An individual may make an unlimited contribution] *A contribution* to the political committee to pay for or offset the legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result *is subject to the contribution limits pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-226 Annotated Code of Maryland.*

.06 [Permissible Uses.

Permissible Use. Contributions received in accordance with Election Law Article, §13-233(b), Annotated Code of Maryland, shall be used exclusively for legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.] **IN RESERVE**

.07 [Prohibitions.

A. Commingling of Funds. A political committee may not commingle the funds of a campaign account and the account established under Regulation .02 of this chapter.

B. Prohibited Activities. The political committee may not expend any funds received in accordance with Election Law Article, §13-233(b), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any reason other than the payment of legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.] **IN RESERVE**