

Title 33 State Board of Elections

Subtitle 20 DISCLOSURE BY PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS

Chapter 08 [Penalties] Sanctions

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 14-107 and 14-109, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 [Late Filing Fee] Penalties.

A. *Late Filing Fee Penalty.* The State Board shall assess a late filing fee for a failure to file the statement of contributions required under Election Law Article, §14-104, Annotated Code of Maryland, of \$10 for each day or part of a day that the statement of contributions is overdue.

.02 Referral for Prosecution.

A. *Show Cause Notice.* If the State Board determines that there has been, for more than 30 days, a failure to file a statement of contributions by a person doing public business or that the statement of contributions does not include the information required by Election Law Article, §14-104, Annotated Code of Maryland, the State Board shall issue a notice prescribed in §B of this regulation to the person doing public business.

B. *Contents of the Notice.* The notice shall demand that, within 30 days after its issuance of the notice:

(1) The failure to file must be rectified and any late filing fee due be paid; or

(2) The person doing public business shall show cause why the State Board should not ask the appropriate prosecuting authority to prosecute the person doing public business for a failure to file.

C. *Delivery.* The notice shall be provided:

(1) By first-class mail; and

(2) To the officer authorized by the person to file the statement of contributions.

D. *Central Collection.* In its discretion, the appropriate prosecuting authority may refer the matter for action to the Central Collection Unit within the Department of Budget and Management.

E. *Penalty.* A person doing public business who fails, without cause, to file a statement of contributions and pay the late fee within 30 days after the issuance of the notice prescribed in §B is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction subject to the penalties prescribed in Election Law Article, §14-107, Annotated Code of Maryland.

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