

[(d) "County" includes Baltimore City.]

(D) "ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO HAS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

(E) "ELIGIBLE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THAT PORTION OF A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION, OR SERIES OF CONTRIBUTIONS, FROM AN INDIVIDUAL THAT DOES NOT EXCEED \$250.

[(e)] (F) "Fund" means the "Fair Campaign Financing Fund" [provided in § 31-4].

[(f) "Major party" means a political party whose candidate, for the same office in the immediate previous election to that for which public financing is currently sought, received 25 percent or more of the total popular votes received by all candidates in the general election for that office.]

[(g) "Maximum public contribution" for any candidate is an amount equal to 75 percent of the candidate's campaign expenditure limit in the general election, as provided in § 31-3.]

[(h) "Minor party" means a political party whose candidate for the same office in the immediate previous election to that for which public financing is currently sought, received less than 25 percent of the total popular votes received by all candidates in the general election for that office, or has filed a valid petition for the formation of a new political party pursuant to § 4B-1 of this article.]

[(i)] (G) "Public contribution" means a sum disbursed from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund to a candidate [for elective office] according to the provisions of this subtitle.

[(j)] (H) "Seed money" means a sum of lawfully raised ELIGIBLE private [campaign] contributions [from individual persons] that is [the greater of either \$250 or] 15 percent of the maximum campaign expenditure limit provided under § 31-3 for [a primary election for the same office] AN ELECTION.

(I) "STATE ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION LAWS.

[(k)] (J) "State Board" means the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.

[(l)] (K) "Treasurer" includes a campaign subtreasurer.

31-3.

[(a) The treasurer of a candidate who applies for and accepts public contributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund may not expend in excess of the following expenditure limits on behalf of the candidate for an office in an election:

<u>Primary</u>	<u>General</u>
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