

inspection, and may microfilm these records at any time. At the expiration of the five-year period, the original records shall be forwarded to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws for delivery to the [Hall of Records] STATE ARCHIVES.

8-3.

The State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the several boards shall receive, file and preserve all certificates of candidacy and of nomination which are filed with them under the provisions of this article. These certificates of candidacy and of nomination shall be kept as part of the records of the 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 certificates of candidacy and of nomination 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 certificates of candidacy and of nomination shall be subject and open to inspection by any citizen of this State during the hours in which the office in which the certificates of candidacy and of nomination are kept is open. Thereafter the certificates of candidacy and of nomination shall be transferred to the [Hall of Records where they shall be maintained in accordance with Article 54, § 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland] STATE ARCHIVES. Copies of these certificates of candidacy and of nomination 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 certificate of candidacy and of nomination would be if produced and proved.

26-14.

Every officer or board shall receive, file and preserve all reports, statements, and accounts relating to campaign contributions and expenditures which are required 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 [Hall of Records where they shall be maintained in accordance with Article 54, § 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland] STATE ARCHIVES. Before transferring any reports, statements or accounts to the [Hall of Records] STATE ARCHIVES, the officer or board with whom they were filed shall make a permanent record of all election reports required to