

7-1.

(b) A certificate of nomination containing the name of a candidate for office shall be filed as specified in Section **[4-3]** 4A-2 of this article with such information as is required to be given in the certificate provided for in Section **[4-2]** 4A-1 of this article, with the additional statement that the persons signing the same intend to vote for the person nominated thereby. Said petition shall be signed by not less than three per centum (3%) of the registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office for which such nomination by petition is sought. The number of registered voters shall be determined as of the January 1 next preceding the election at which such nomination is sought. The petition for nomination shall be filed at least forty days prior to the date set by law for the primary election.

8-5.

(a) At the time of giving the notice of election required by Section **[12]** 2-10 of this article, each board shall cause to be published by one insertion in two or more newspapers published within each county, and in all the daily papers published in Baltimore City which will publish the same at the current rate of commercial advertising, the nominations to office which have been filed with or certified to them under the provisions of this article. If in any county there be but one newspaper published, publication in such one newspaper shall be sufficient. Such publication shall be made in newspapers devoted to the dissemination of general news; and the two newspapers selected, if possible, shall represent the political parties which at the last preceding election cast the largest and next largest number of votes. The list of nominations published by the board shall be arranged, so far as practicable, in the order and form in which they are to be printed upon the ballots.

9-1.

(a) Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall, in a writing signed by him, and acknowledged before a justice of the peace or notary public, notify the officer or board with whom the certificate of candidacy is required to be filed by this article, at least forty-five (45) days before the said primary that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, the certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files such a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to Section **[4-8]** 4A-7 of this article.

9-2.

(a) Should any nominee die before election day or decline the nomination, as in this subtitle provided, or should any certificate of nomination be or become insufficient or inoperative from any cause occurring after the period of time for the filling of vacancies in party nominations as is prescribed by Section **[4-6]** 4A-5 of this article, the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned shall be filled in the manner prescribed as hereinafter set forth.