

in the news media throughout the United States or in Maryland, in accordance with the national party rules, unless the candidate executes and files with the Secretary of State an affidavit stating without qualification that he is not and does not intend to become a candidate for the office in the Maryland primary election;

(2) By making the payment required and by filing with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, a petition in the form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws which shall contain the signatures of not less than 400 of the registered voters within each congressional district, at least ~~53~~ [53] 70 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election. Nothing in this section shall require compliance with § 7-1.

[(3)] (B) The Secretary of State shall establish a procedure for the Democratic presidential primary through which votes may be cast as uncommitted to any presidential candidate.

~~{(4)}-(C)--Notwithstanding--any--other-provisions of--this--article,--whenever--any--person--who--has---{been nominated} FILED--A-CERTIFICATE-OF-CANDIDACY-FOR-NOMINATION in-any-presidential-primary-election,-in-a-writing-signed-by him-and-acknowledged-before-a-notary--public,--notifies--the officer--or-board-with-whom-the-certificate-of-candidacy,-or petition-for-nomination,-or-name-is-required-to-be-filed--by this--article,--within--[18]--10-days-after-the-final-filing date-established-in-§-4A-3-of-this-article-that-he-desires to--withdraw--as--a--candidate--for-the-nomination,-his-name shall-be-withdrawn-and-the-name-of-any-person-so-withdrawing shall-not-be-printed-upon-the-ballots--to--be-used--at--the presidential--primary--election.--The--filing--of--a--valid certificate-of-withdrawal-of-candidacy-is--a--final--act--of withdrawal,--and--a--person--who--files--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-§-4A-7-of this--article.--Nothing--in--this--section--shall-apply-to-a candidate-who-qualifies-under-§-12-2(a){1}.~~

[(b)] (D) (C) A candidate qualifying under this section shall be entitled to have his name printed upon the official primary ballot of his party in primary elections held under and in accordance with this article as a candidate for the nomination for President.

[(c)] (E) (D) The board of supervisors of elections in each county and of Baltimore City shall have printed upon the official primary ballots of each of those political parties in each county of the State, and in each legislative district of Baltimore City at the primary election in each year in which a President of the United States is to be elected, the names of the candidates for President and names of candidates for election as delegates to conventions