

choice and the instructions ascertained and determined for the Maryland delegation of such party to the national convention with respect to the candidate of the party for President of the United States shall be certified by the presiding officer of the State convention to the executive officers of the national convention of the party.

(b) Vacancy in Delegation. Any vacancy which may exist in the delegation of any of such parties to any such national convention shall be filled in the manner prescribed by the State convention with respect to the filling of vacancies.

85. National Conventions. *(a) Number of Delegates. The number of delegates-at-large and district delegates, together with alternates, who shall represent the respective political parties subject to the provisions of this sub-title in the respective national conventions of said parties, shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body for the whole State of each of said parties not later than the 15th day of April in each year in which such national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President shall be held; provided that if the governing body for the whole State of any of said parties shall not make such ascertainment and determination, the same may be made by the State convention of such party.*

(b) Absence of Candidates. In the event that no person shall file a certificate of candidacy and make the payment above required as a candidate for the nomination for President in said primary election of any of said parties, then delegates of such party may instruct the delegates sent by it to the national convention for such candidate for President as it may see fit, or may send an uninstructed delegation to the national convention of such party.

(c) Unit Vote. All the delegates selected by the State convention to a national convention shall be instructed and bound to vote as a unit on the first ballot for President in the national convention if so instructed by their State convention. They shall continue to vote for the choice of the State of Maryland for President as long as in their conscientious judgment there is any possibility of his being nominated.

RECOUNTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS

86. Time for Petition for Recount. *Within ten days after the day of any primary election, or within two days after the results of the canvass are declared official, any candidate for a nomination or for delegate to any convention or for member of State or local central committee or position who has been defeated on the face of the returns, may petition the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City or of any county of the State for an appeal from and review of the action and decision of the judges of election in counting the ballots and for a recanvass and recount of the ballots cast in any or all of the precincts of said county or city or ward or legislative district or political division therein. If said candidate were running for a State office or for Congress or for Judge he may petition for said recount in two or more counties or legislative districts or wards or precincts of Baltimore City simultaneously.*

87. Affidavit or Bond. *Such petition shall be filed with an affidavit or affidavits, made by officers of election or by watchers,*