

candidates for offices to be filled by the voters of the entire State or of any division of a greater extent than one county. Certificates of candidacy for the nomination of members of the State Senate shall also be filed with the Secretary of State.

(b) Each candidate for nomination for judge of the circuit court for a county, EACH CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, and each candidate for nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland shall file his certificate under oath with the Secretary of State. Each candidate for nomination for Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall file his certificate under oath with the board in Baltimore City.

(c) For all other nominations to public office certificates of candidacy shall be filed under oath with the board of the respective counties or of Baltimore City, wherein the offices are to be filled by the voters.

(d) All persons shall file their certificates of candidacy in person within the time specified by Section 4-4 of this Article and at the place specified in this section. In the event that any person wishing to file a certificate of candidacy is unable to do so in person by reason of illness, military service or temporary absence from the State of Maryland, such person shall file an affidavit setting out fully such facts as prevent him from personally filing his certificate of candidacy and such affidavit must be filed with the certificate of candidacy.

#### **4-4. 4A-3. When filed.**

(a) Certificates of candidacy shall be received and filed in the office of the appropriate board not later than nine p.m. on the Monday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the primary election should be held under the primary election law. If this date should occur on a legal holiday, the certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.

(b) In Baltimore City municipal elections, certificates of candidacy shall be received and filed in the office of the board not later than nine p.m. on the Wednesday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the primary election shall be held under the primary election law. If this date should occur on a holiday, the certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.

#### **4-5. 4A-4. Vacancy in nomination: Primary Election.**

(a) In case of any vacancy which may exist in respect to a candidate for any officer elected by the voters of more than one county or Baltimore City except State Senator, by reason of there being no candidate of a political party to file for the same in any such primary election, such vacancy shall be filled by the State Central Committee, or governing body, of the political party of the State.

(b) In a State Senatorial district comprising more than one county, any vacancy occurring because there is no candidate of a political party to file for the office shall be filled by mutual agreement of each of the State Central Committees of such party of those coun-