

by primary election or may be nominated by primary meeting may be nominated by petition, as in this section provided. Nothing in this subsection applies to candidates or nominations in Montgomery County for election to the County Board of Education.

(b) A certificate of nomination containing the name of a candidate for office shall be filed as specified in Section 4-3 of this Article with such information as is required to be given in the certificate provided for in Section 4-2 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.

(c) The signatures need not all be appended to one paper, but if the signatures are appended to more than one paper all such papers must be fastened together and filed as one certificate. Each signer shall append to his signature his residence, and the precinct or district where he is registered as a voter, and immediately below the signature of any such signer there shall be either printed or typed the name of such signer. Every such paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits made before a justice of the peace, notary public or other officer authorized to take oaths under the laws of this State, by one or more persons known personally to the justice, notary public or other officer, and so certified by him and signed by the affiants, to the effect that the signers are known to such affiant or affiants to be registered voters of the precinct as set forth in said petition, and that the said affiant or affiants personally saw the signers, in regard to whom he or they make oaths, sign such paper.

(d) No person shall join in nominating more than one nominee for each office to be filled; nor shall any person sign more than once for the same nominee for an office.

(e) If the adequacy of any certificate of nomination is questioned in writing by any ten qualified voters, it shall be the duty of the several boards in the jurisdiction in which the signers are registered voters to verify the number of legitimate signatures; and if the total required number of signatures is not properly appended to the petition, it shall be declared insufficient and the name of the proposed candidate shall not be placed on the ballot.

7-2. Publication of nominating petitions.

Within thirty days after the filing of any nominating petition, the Secretary of State, in cases of such petitions filed with him, shall cause to be published at least once in a daily newspaper of general circulation throughout the State, the names of all signers of any such petition, together with an explanation of the nature of any such petition to which said persons' names are affixed. Where such petitions are filed with the boards, within thirty days after the filing of such petition, it shall cause to be published once in a newspaper published in the county, or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, the names of all the signers of any such petition, together with an explanation of the nature of the petition to which such persons' names