and Vice President of the United States, the names of the candidates for each political party for the office of President and Vice President shall be printed thereon; and, when applicable,

- (2) A description of every constitutional amendment or other question which is to be submitted to the vote of the people.
- (b) Not less than twenty days before any election the form and arrangement of the ballots to be used in the election, showing the offices, names of candidates, Constitutional Amendments and questions thereon, shall be prepared by the board and made available for inspection by any candidate whose name shall appear thereon or the official representative of any political party having a candidate on the ballot.
- (c) If any mistake is discovered, it shall be the duty of the board to correct the same without delay. If the board shall decline or refuse to make the correction, then upon the sworn petition of any qualified voter who would have the right to vote for a candidate at the approaching election, the circuit court for any county or one of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may, by order, require the board to correct the error or to show cause why such error should not be corrected.
- (d) A correct list of the names of the candidates for the designated offices shall be furnished on demand by the boards to the candidates or their authorized agents.
- (e) The ballots shall be printed in plain clear type in black ink and, except in primary elections, upon clear white materials, of such size and arrangement as to fit the construction of the machine. For primary elections the ballots may be printed upon clear material or material of different colors, in the discretion of the boards.

## 16-5. Ballots and Ballot Labels: Candidates.

- (a) The names of candidates for every office shall be arranged alphabetically on the ballots according to their surnames, under the designation of the office; except that the names of the candidates of each political party for President and Vice-President shall be grouped together, with the party name at the right of the surnames under the designation "Electors for President and Vice-President", and arranged alphabetically in the order of the surnames of the presidential candidates. The use of nicknames, TITLES, DEGREES, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS on the ballot is absolutely prohibited.
- (b) All candidates for office shall as far as possible be placed in one column on the ballots; but when the names to be printed are over thirty-six, another column may be added in which names shall be printed. When two or more columns are used the same number of names, so far as possible, shall be printed in each column. The initial letters of the given or Christian names of the several candidates in each column shall be printed directly beneath each other in a vertical line, and the initial letter of the respective party designations of said several candidates shall be printed directly beneath each other in a vertical line.
- (c) The titles of offices may be arranged horizontally or vertically on the ballots, with the names of candidates for an office arranged longitudinally under or transversely opposite the title of