

thereby, shall be signed by voters in numbers as follows, residing in the political division in and for which the officer is to be elected—that is to say: the number of signatures so required shall not be less than five hundred when the nomination is for an office to be filled by an election participated in by the voters of the entire State, and not less than three hundred when the nomination is for an office to be filled by an election to be participated in by the voters of an entire Congressional district or of the entire cities of Baltimore, Annapolis, Frederick, Cumberland or Hagerstown, and not less than two hundred for nominations for all other elections; and provided, also, that the said 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, occupation and place of business, and every such paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits made before a justice of the peace by one or more persons known personally to the justice and so certified by him and signed by the affiant or affiants, to the effect that the signers are known to such affiant or affiants to be registered voters of the district or precinct in which they respectively reside, and that the said affiant or affiants personally saw the signers in regard to whom he or they may make oath sign such paper, and any wilfully false statement in such affidavit or affidavits or affirmation shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall subject the person making the same to the fines and penalties prescribed by the law of this State for the crime of perjury.

Filing of certificates of nomination.

39. Certificates of nomination shall be filed with the Secretary of State for the nomination of members of Congress or of candidates for offices to be filled by voters of the entire State or of any division of a greater extent than one county. For all other nominations to public offices certificates of nomination shall be filed with the Supervisors of Elections of the respective counties or of Baltimore city, as the case may be, wherein the officers are to be filled by the voters.

To contain but one nominee for each office.

40. No certificate of nomination shall contain the name of more than one nominee for each office to be filled. No person shall join in nominating more than one nominee for each office to be filled, and no person shall accept a nomination to more than one office.

To be kept for two years.

41. The Secretary of State and the several Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall cause to be preserved in their respective offices, for two years, all certificates of nomination filed