

duly registered voters belonging to or acting with such parties, respectively, in Baltimore City, or any precinct, ward, councilmanic, congressional, judicial or legislative district thereof, or in any county or district or precinct thereof, or in any congressional or judicial district, as the case, with respect to any public office or place or position aforesaid, may be; and that no candidate for such public office, delegate to such convention, party executive or executive committee, or managing body of any such political party, as aforesaid, in and for Baltimore City or the several counties of the State, shall be chosen or elected by any such political convention or otherwise than by the duly registered voters belonging to or acting with said political parties, as aforesaid.

It shall be lawful for all such parties aforesaid to elect and hold such party conventions which shall have full power and authority, in all respects whatsoever, to act in respect to all matters appertaining to the organization, maintenance, conduct, affairs and interests of the party, in Baltimore City or in any county of the State, saving and excepting only the choice, selection, nomination or appointment of party candidates for such public office, delegates to such conventions, or party executives or managing bodies or executive committees, of any sort whatever, in and for Baltimore City and the several counties and Congressional and Judicial Districts of the State.

*Provided*, that the candidates of such political parties for Governor, Attorney-General, Comptroller and Clerk of the Court of Appeals of the State shall be nominated in the manner prescribed in this Article by State conventions, and such State conventions elected by the direct vote in the same manner as the State conventions for the nomination of candidates for State offices, shall also select, in such manner as they may determine, delegates to national conventions and presidential electors and the governing bodies of such political parties for the State, but shall have no power to select or appoint committee or governing bodies of any character for Baltimore City nor for any division thereof nor for the counties of the State.

160B. Said primary elections by the political parties aforesaid shall be annually held throughout this State, including Baltimore City, on a day to be fixed by an agreement between the governing bodies of said parties for the State not earlier than the eighth day of September nor later than the fifteenth day of September of and in each and every year, except in those years in which there shall be an election of a President and Vice-President of the United States in which said presidential years the said primaries, including primaries for nomi-