

In addition thereto the Supervisors of Elections in Baltimore City and the counties of the State shall issue to the delegates elected to each State convention of such parties, a certificate of election, which certificate shall also contain the result of such primary election balloting where there are only two candidates and also as to the first and second choice or preference of the voters of such party for the candidates so voted upon where there are more than two, and such certificate shall be accepted as the credentials of such delegation in such convention of such party and as the instructions of the voters of such party in such county and legislative district of Baltimore City as to how the votes of such delegation are to be cast, and duplicates of such certificate shall be mailed at once by said Supervisors of Elections to the chairman of the State Central Committee of the State of each of the political parties coming within the provisions of this article. Such convention may be called according to such party rules or usage, not later than five weeks prior to the election following such primary election, and immediately after such credentials have been received and the body has effected a permanent organization it shall proceed to the nomination of its candidates. The several delegations shall be required to cast and the chairman shall announce the vote according to such instructions so received by the several delegations in the primaries so held in their respective counties or legislative districts of Baltimore City and if the result of such ballot in such convention shows that there has been no nomination for such office by a majority vote of such convention, then and in that event the candidate receiving the lowest vote for such office shall be dropped from the balloting by the convention, and the delegation or delegations so voting for such candidate whose name is so dropped on the first ballot shall cast their vote on the second ballot of such convention for the candidate or candidates who is or are the second choice of such counties or legislative districts of Baltimore City as appears from the credentials and instructions of such delegations, and if no nomination is made by such convention for such office by a majority of the delegates upon such second ballot, the same process of dropping the last lowest candidate and transferring the votes of the delegations voting for the same to their second choice as shown by their said instructions shall be continued until a nomination for such office shall have been made and declared by such convention by a majority vote of the delegates constituting the same; provided, that when a delegation from any county or legislative district have first voted for their county's or legislative district's first choice until he has been dropped as the lowest candidate in convention and have subsequently voted for their second choice until he in turn has been dropped in the same way, they may then and only then after their first and second choices have been thus dropped, vote without instructions for any candidate they desire among the candidates still remaining before the convention; if one or more delegates to such convention shall be absent when any such ballot is taken, the member or members of such delegation present shall cast the