

tions which appear in the credentials of each of such delegations upon each and every ballot cast in the nomination of such candidate, and if such certificate of such nomination be not furnished, such nomination shall be held to be defective and the name of such nominee shall not appear upon the official ballot at the election to be held to fill such office. The ballots in such cases shall be cast in Baltimore City, and the several counties of the State, respectively, as provided in the preceding sections, and shall be counted and canvassed, and the result of the election announced and certified in Baltimore City and in each of the counties of the State as now provided by said Article 33 for elections held hereunder, and said primary election shall be held and conducted and determined in the manner and form provided by this article for general elections and subject to all regulations, requirements and provisions as prescribed by this article for general elections, in so far as the same is or are or may be applicable to said primary elections, except as may be herein otherwise provided; and the provisions of the general election law governing election contests are hereby expressly declared to be applicable to such primary elections; provided, that if after the expiration of the time allowed by this sub-title for candidates for public office, delegates to conventions, members of managing bodies, precinct, ward, city and county executives or executive committees to qualify for the purpose of having their names placed upon the official primary election ballot in any legislative district of Baltimore City or in any county of the State it shall appear that only one set of candidates of any such political party have so qualified, then and in that event, certificates of nomination or selection shall be issued to the candidates, so qualified in a similar manner to that herein provided for successful candidates at primary elections, and no such primary election shall be held for such political party; and provided, further, that whenever only one candidate of any such political party for such public office or position has so qualified to have his name so placed upon the official primary election ballot at the expiration of the time allowed by this sub-title, then, and in that event, a certificate of nomination or selection shall in like manner be issued to him forthwith, and his name, and the name of the position for which he is a candidate shall be omitted from the said official ballot, so that such official ballot of such political party shall contain only the names of such candidates for position, offices, or delegates where there are qualified contestants for such positions. Any vacancy which may exist in respect to any office, delegates to convention, or position named in this sub-title occurring after the returns have been canvassed and finally announced or which may exist by reason of there being no candidate for the same in any such primary election or otherwise, shall be filled as the rules and regulations of the governing bodies for the respective parties in the counties, city or State may now or shall hereafter provide.

This section is broad enough to include a case where two candidates receive an equal number of votes, and in such case there is a vacancy within meaning of this section. Action of newly elected state central committee in designating a nominee held valid. *Usilton v. Bramble*, 117 Md. 12 (decided prior to the act of 1912, ch. 2).

See notes to secs. 55, 190 and 200.