

acknowledgment. It may consist of one object or of several objects in combination, and when printed on its proper ballot, shall not occupy more than two and one-half inches in height and two inches in breadth. Said emblem must not, in the judgment of the officer or officers with whom the certificate is filed, too closely resemble any other party emblem previously designated.

1896, ch. 202.

**38.** A candidate for public office may be nominated otherwise than by a convention or primary election in the manner following: A certificate of nomination containing the names of a candidate for the office to be filled, with such information as is required to be given in certificates provided for in section 37 of this article, with the additional statement that the persons signing the same intend to vote for the person to be nominated 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