

may, by law, vote for candidates for such office, the name and description of each person nominated for such office, as specified in the certificates of nomination filed with the Secretary of State, and shall certify the same to the supervisors of elections of Baltimore city, if any of the voters of said city may, by law, vote for candidates for such office.

1896, ch. 202.

44. At least eight days before an election to fill any public office, the supervisors of elections of each county and of the city of Baltimore, shall cause to be published in two or more newspapers within such county, and in all the daily papers published in said city, which will publish the same at their current rates for advertising, the nominations to office which have then been filed with or certified to them under the provisions of this article. If in any county there be but one newspaper published, publication in such one newspaper shall be sufficient. They shall make not less than two such publications in each of such newspapers before the day of election, and one of such publications in each newspaper shall be upon the last day upon which said newspaper is issued before the day of election. Such publication shall be made in newspapers devoted to the dissemination of general news, and the two newspapers selected shall, if possible, represent the political parties which at the last preceding election cast the largest and next largest number of votes. The list of nominations published by the supervisors of elections shall be arranged, so far as practicable, in the order and form in which they are to be printed upon the ballots.

Ibid.

45. Whenever any person nominated for public office, as in this article provided, shall, at least ten days before election, in a writing signed by him and acknowledged before a justice of the peace, or if he be out of the State at the time, before a notary public, notifying the officer with whom the certificate nominating him is, by this article, required to be filed, that he declines such nomination, such nomination shall be void, and the name of any person so declining shall not be printed upon the ballots.