

stated the name of each person nominated, his residence and the office for which he is nominated, and the name of the party by which he has been nominated; if the nomination be by a convention, the certificate shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention, and their signatures thereto shall be acknowledged by them before some officer competent to take acknowledgments of deeds; if the nomination be by means of a primary election as stated in the foregoing section, the certificate may be signed by the judge or judges of such election, or if there be a number of polling-places at such primary, then by the person or persons whose duty it may be by the party usage, to receive the return and declare the result, or by the presiding judge at each of such polling-places, and the signature of each signer shall be acknowledged by him as hereinbefore stated; all such certificates shall be known as certificates of nomination; a party emblem or device may be added to the certificate; provided, it shall be referred to and identified in said 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.

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131. A candidate for public office may be nominated otherwise than by a convention or primary election in the manner following: a nomination paper containing the name of the candidate nominated, his residence, and the office for which he is nominated, shall be signed by registered voters residing within the county, cities of Baltimore, Annapolis, Frederick, Cumberland, and Hagerstown, ward or political division, as the case may be, for which candidates are to be presented as follows: 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 the entire cities of Baltimore, Annapolis, Frederick, Cumberland and 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, such paper when executed as above prescribed, may be filed as provided for in section one hundred and thirty-two of this article, with the same effect as a certificate of nomination made by a party convention; but if the signatures are appended to more than one paper, all such papers must be fastened together and filed as one whole certificate; all such papers shall be known as "Nomination Papers," all such nomination papers, shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits before a justice of the peace by some one or more persons known personally to the justice certified by him, and signed by the affiant that the signers thereto are registered voters of the district or precinct in which they respectively reside.