

CHAPTER 205.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments new section one hundred and thirty-one of article thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," as enacted by the act of eighteen hundred and ninety, chapter five hundred and thirty-eight.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new section one hundred and thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," as enacted by the act of eighteen hundred and ninety, chapter five hundred and thirty-eight, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

SEC. 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 in the county, cities of Baltimore, Annapolis, Frederick, Cumberland or 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 or of an entire congressional district, 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 or Hagerstown, and not less than two hundred for nominations for all other elections, and provided also that except on nomination papers signed by registered voters of the city of Baltimore need not all be appended to one paper, such paper when executed as above prescribed in other portions of the State than the city of Baltimore, may be filed as provided for in section one hundred and thirty-two of this article, 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" when executed as above prescribed in portions of the State other than city of Baltimore shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits, made before a justice of the peace by some 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