

to one paper; such paper when executed as above prescribed may be filed as provided for in section 161 X 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 wards in which they respectively reside.

**Nomina-
tion
Papers** 161 X. All such certificates and nomination papers for the nomination of candidates to be voted for by the voters of the city of Hagerstown, or any ward thereof, and all papers of withdrawal of a candidate or candidates shall be filed with the board of supervisors of election of said city of Hagerstown; at the end of six months after the election for which the nominations were made, the said board of supervisors shall destroy the said certificates, nomination and withdrawal papers, and said board shall destroy the copies thereof, unless there be some contest with respect to the election for which the nomination was made, and then the same shall be preserved until such contest is ended.

**When to be
Filed** 161 Y. All such certificates and nomination papers required by the provision of this article to be filed with said board of supervisors of elections shall be filed not more than ten nor less than six days before the day of the election for which such nominations are made; in the calculation of said period the day of the filing of the certificates and the day of election shall both be excluded; all certificates of nomination and nomination papers when filed, shall, under proper regulations to be made by said board of supervisors, be open to public inspection.

**Defects
therein** 161 Z. If the officers with whom such certificates and nomination papers have been filed shall observe defects therein, it shall be their duty immediately to bring the same to the attention of the persons by whom the same were filed, and allow any necessary corrections to be made, provided, that in making the same the proceeding shall be the same as herein directed for the making acknowledgments and verification of such certificates and nomination papers; when said certificates and nomination papers are in substantial conformity with the article, they shall be deemed to be valid.