

with them under the provisions of this article. All such certificates shall be opened to public inspection.

42. Except in cases provided for by section 46, and cases of special elections to fill vacancies in office caused by death, resignation or otherwise, such certificates of nomination shall be filed, respectively, with the Secretary of State not less than twenty days, and with the Boards of Supervisors of Elections not less than ten days before the day of election.

When to be filed.

43. Not less than eighteen days before an election to fill any public office, the Secretary of State shall certify to the supervisors of elections of each county, within which any of the voters 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.

Secretary of State to certify names of nominees.

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 casted 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.

List of nominations to be published.

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

Declination of nomination.