

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That 23 new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of 1904, title "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," said new sections to come in after Section 160, and to be called Section 160A, 160B, 160C, 160D, 160E, 160F, 160G, 160H, 160I, 160J, 160K, 160L, 160M, 160N, 160O, 160P, 160Q, 160R, 160S, 160T, 160U, 160V, 160W, and to read severally as follows:

SEC. 160A. Political parties which at the general election of November 5th, 1907, or any future general election next preceding any primary to be held hereunder, polled ten per cent. of the entire vote cast in the several counties of the State, shall hereafter nominate their candidates for public office in said counties and shall elect all delegates to conventions or managing bodies in said political parties and all county executives or executive committees, not appointed by a party convention, whenever the political usage provides for such executive or committee, by means of primary elections conducted under the provisions of this Act and not otherwise. All candidates may be nominated by direct vote of the whole number of registered voters belonging to or acting with such parties in every precinct, Congressional, judicial or election district and counties in the said several counties, respectively, or they may be nominated by a county or district convention, the delegates to which shall be elected at a primary election duly held in the precinct, Congressional, election or judicial district or county, or they may be nominated by State or other convention composed of delegates elected by the county, judicial or Congressional convention, the delegates to which last mentioned several conventions shall be elected at said primary election, as shall be determined upon from time to time by the State Central Committee or other governing body of said political parties; provided that it shall not be lawful for the governing body of any political party, whose rules or regulations or custom heretofore have been to nominate any of its candidates for any public office or offices by direct vote of the members of such party in any county or according to the method known as the Crawford county plan, to deprive the registered voters in such county of such privileges to vote directly for candidates for such office or offices, without first submitting any proposed change in this regard to the vote of the registered voters of said party in any county of this State. The said primary election shall be held annually on such days in the several counties respectively as the State Central Committee or governing body of the said parties for the State may determine upon for State, judicial and Congressional primary elections and as the State Central