

vote, a preference has been so expressed for direct primaries, shall ever thereafter be removed from the class of excepted counties in this section specifically mentioned.

All such candidates for such office, and all such delegates, managing bodies, executives and executive committees shall be nominated, selected and chosen by the direct vote of the duly registered voters belonging to or acting with such parties, respectively, in every precinct, ward, councilmanic, legislative or other election district in Baltimore city, and also in the several counties of the State of Maryland, respectively, and in each and every election precinct and election district of each of said counties of the State of Maryland, respectively, it being the intent and purpose of this Act that all such candidates for public office, all delegates to such party conventions and all managing bodies, executives or executive committees of any such political party, whenever the political party usage provides for such executives or executive committees, shall be nominated, as aforesaid, by the direct vote of the duly registered voters belonging to or acting with such parties, respectively, in Baltimore City, or any precinct, ward, councilmanic or legislative district thereof, or in any county or district or precinct thereof, as the case, with respect to any public office, or place or position aforesaid, may be; and that no candidate for such public office, delegate to such convention, party executive or executive committee, or managing body of any such political party, as aforesaid, in and for Baltimore City or the several counties of the State, shall be chosen or elected by any such political convention or otherwise than by the duly registered voters belonging to or acting with said political parties, as aforesaid. It shall be lawful for all such parties aforesaid to elect and hold such party conventions, which shall have full power and authority, in all respects whatsoever, to act in respect to all matters appertaining to the organization, maintenance, conduct, affairs and interests of the party, in Baltimore City or in any county of the State, saving and excepting only the choice, selection, nomination or appointment of party candidates for such public office, delegates to such conventions, or party executive or managing bodies or executive committees, of any sort whatever, in and for Baltimore City and the several counties of the State. Provided, that the candidates of such political parties for Governor, Attorney-General, Comptroller and Clerk of the Court of Appeals of the State shall be nominated in the manner prescribed in this Article by State conventions, and such State conventions shall also have the power to select, in such manner as they may determine, delegates to National Conventions and Presidential Electors and the governing bodies of such political parties for the State, but shall have