

in the sections of this Article for county or city offices, and after the name of each of such last named candidates for State offices, there shall be provided on the ballots a number of squares equal to the number of candidates for the particular office for which he is a candidate of the political party represented by the ballot, which squares shall be designated in their order from left to right as "First Choice," "Second Choice," and so on to the number of candidates of such party for such office whose names appear upon such ballot, so that each voter of each party may indicate his first, second, third, etc., choice or preference of each of said candidates by placing a cross-mark in the appropriate squares after the name of each of said candidates, such cross-mark to be made in the same manner as other cross-marks for voting at primary elections under this Article for Baltimore city and the several counties of the State, respectively. No ballot cast at such primary election which contains more than one cross-mark after the name of any such candidate for such State offices shall be counted for such candidate. Such ballots shall be counted and canvassed and the result of the election announced and certified as provided in Section 160H of this Article. In addition thereto the Supervisors of Elections in Baltimore city and of the counties of the State shall issue to the delegates elected to each State convention of such parties, a certificate of election, which certificate shall also contain the result of such primary election balloting as to the first, second, third, fourth, etc., choice or preference of the voters of such party for the candidate so voted upon, and such certificate shall be accepted as the credentials of such delegation in such convention of such party and as the instructions of the voters of such party in such county and legislative district of Baltimore city as to how the votes of such delegation are to be cast. Such convention may be called according to such party rules or usage at any time within two weeks after such primary election has been held, and immediately after such credentials have been received and the body has effected a permanent organization it shall proceed to the nomination of its candidates. The several delegations shall be required to cast and the chairman shall announce the vote according to such instructions so received by the several delegations in the primaries so held in their respective counties or legislative districts of Baltimore city and if the result of such ballot in such convention shows that there has been no nomination for such office by a majority vote of such convention, then and in that event the candidate receiving the lowest vote for such office shall be dropped from the balloting by the convention, and the delegation or delegations so voting for such candidate whose name is so dropped on the first ballot