

40. 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 nominations 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.

41. Within not less than two nor more than ten days before an election to fill any public office, the Supervisors of Elections of each county and in the City of Baltimore shall cause to be published by one insertion in two or more newspapers within such county, and in all the daily papers published in said city which will publish the same at the current rate of advertising, the nominations to office which have 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. 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 cast 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.

42. Whenever any person nominated for public office as in this Article provided, shall at least thirty days before election, in a writing signed by him or her and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, notify the officer with whom the certificate nominating him is by this Article required to be filed, that he or she declines such nomination, such nomination shall be void, and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots; provided, however, that if the interval between the date of nomination and the date of election shall be less than forty days, such certificate need not be filed until at least twenty days before election. Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall at least thirty days before the day of such primary election, in a writing signed by him or her, and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, notify the officer or Board with whom the certificate of candidacy is by this Article required to be filed, that he or she desires to withdraw as a candidate for such