

of the County to which the same shall have been paid by the Supervisors of Elections, and used in defraying the expenses of such primary election.

52. Nominations for Mayor, Comptroller, President of the City Council and members of the City Council of Baltimore City shall be made by direct vote of the respective political parties at primary elections to be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, except that the day for holding the same shall be the first Tuesday of April in the years in which the municipal elections in said city are to be held. Any person registered as affiliated with a given political party shall have the right to vote the official ballot of that party only. Any registered voter who has declined to affiliate with any political party and opposite whose name under the column "Party affiliation" is written the word "declined", or any other word showing a failure to affiliate with any political party, and who has not affiliated with some political party prior to the primary election shall not be permitted to vote at such primary election, or any subsequent primary election until he has so affiliated with the party in whose primary he desires to vote.

53. (a) Every candidate for the nomination for a State office, that is to say, an office filled by the vote of all the registered voters of the State of Maryland, shall be nominated by conventions, the delegates to which shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article by the direct vote of the registered voters belonging to the political party of which the candidate is a member, and whose nomination for such office he is seeking; the ballots in such cases shall contain the names of the candidates for public office, delegates to party conventions and managing bodies, executives or executive committee to be voted for as provided in the foregoing sections, and in addition thereto and in the same manner the names of all candidates for State offices, who have duly qualified to have their names placed upon such ballot in the manner provided by this Article.

(b) The candidate receiving the highest vote in any county or legislative district shall receive the vote of the delegates from such county or legislative district in the State Convention, and the Supervisors of Elections in Baltimore City and 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, 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