

mary elections; provided, that if after the expiration of the time allowed by this sub-title for candidates for public office, delegates to conventions, members of managing bodies, precinct, ward, city and county executives or executive committees to qualify for the purpose of having their names placed upon the official primary election ballot in any legislative district of Baltimore City or in any county of the State it shall appear that only one set of candidates of any such political party have so qualified, then and in that event, certificates of nomination or selection shall be issued to the candidates so qualified in a similar manner to that herein provided for successful candidates at primary elections, and no such primary election shall be held for such political party; and provided, further, that whenever only one candidate of any such political party for such public office or position has so qualified to have his name so placed upon the official primary election ballot at the expiration of the time allowed by this sub-title, then, and in that event, a certificate of nomination or selection shall in like manner be issued to him forthwith, and his name, and the name of the position for which he is a candidate shall be omitted from the said official ballot, so that such official ballot of such political party shall contain only the names of such candidates for position, offices, or delegates where there are qualified contestants for such positions. Any vacancy which may exist in respect to any office, delegates to convention, or position named in this sub-title occurring after the returns have been canvassed and finally announced or which may exist by reason of there being no candidate for the same in any such primary election or otherwise, shall be filled as the rules and regulations of the governing bodies for the respective parties in the counties, city or State may now or shall hereafter provide.

54. (a) Within seven days after the day of any primary election any candidate for a nomination or for delegate to any convention or for executive or member of any committee or position who has been defeated on the face of the returns may petition the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City or of any county of the State for an appeal from and review of the action and decision of the judges of election in counting the ballots and for a recanvass and recount of the ballots cast in any or all of the precincts of said county or city or ward or legislative district or political division therein or if said candidate was running for a State office or for Congress or for judge he may petition for said recount in two or more counties or legislative districts or wards or precincts of Baltimore City simultaneously.