

WHEREAS, it is necessary that provision be made for such matters for the primary and general elections scheduled to be held in the year 1952; and

WHEREAS, it is also desirable that such provisions be enacted in general language so that they will be applicable without change to succeeding election years; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Elections," said new section to be known as Section 138A, to follow immediately after Section 138 of said Article (said Section 138 having been Section 130 in Chapter 3 of the Acts of the First Special Session of 1950), and to be under the sub-title "Voting by Mail," and to read as follows:*

*138A (a) Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 57 of this Article, requiring certain primary elections to be held throughout this State on the second Monday in September, every said primary election shall be held on the fourth Monday in the month of June. In those years in which there shall be an election for President and Vice-President of the United States, the said primary shall be held on the first Monday in May, as is provided in said Section 57.*

*(b) Any person wishing to file a certificate of candidacy in any such primary election shall file said certificate with the Secretary of State or with the Board of Supervisors of Elections, as the case may be. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59 of this Article, specifying the days on which such certificates shall be filed the last day for filing such certificate of candidacy shall be the Monday which is ~~nine~~ TEN weeks or ~~sixty-three~~ SEVENTY days prior to the day upon which the said primary election is scheduled to be held. No candidate shall withdraw after the ~~last day for filing such certificate of candidacy, as specified herein~~ DAY WHICH IS NINE WEEKS OR SIXTY-THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY UPON WHICH THE SAID PRIMARY ELECTION IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD.*

*(c) Immediately upon receiving any such certificate of nomination, the Secretary of State shall certify it to the proper Boards of Supervisors of Elections.*

*(d) The State Conventions of the political parties shall meet according to the party rules and usages within thirty*