

65. Expenses of Primary Elections. *The expenses of holding primary elections shall be paid in each county by the County Commissioners or County Council thereof, and in Baltimore City by the Mayor and City Council.*

NOMINATION BY PRIMARY MEETING

66. Primary Meeting Defined. *A primary meeting within the meaning of this Article is an organized assemblage of delegates or voters, registered under this Article as members of a particular party whose highest candidate at any election held within two years next preceding the holding of such meeting polled more than one per centum and less than ten per centum of the entire vote cast in the State, county or other division or district for which the nomination is made. Candidates of such a party for public office may be nominated by a primary meeting as thus defined.*

NOMINATION BY PETITION

67. Nomination by Petition. (a) *Candidates.* *A candidate for any public office who is not a candidate of a party whose nominee must be nominated by primary election or may be nominated by primary meeting may be nominated by petition, as in this section provided.*

(b) *Petition.* *A certificate of nomination containing the name of a candidate for office shall be filed as specified in Section 55 with such information as is required to be given in the certificate provided for in Section 60 of this Article, with the additional statement that the persons signing the same intend to vote for the person nominated thereby. Said petition shall be signed by not less than 5,000 voters when the nomination is for an office to be filled by an election participated in by the voters of the entire State; not less than 1,500 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by an election to be participated in by the voters of an entire Congressional district or of the City of Baltimore; not less than 750 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by an election to be participated in by the voters of any legislative district of Baltimore City, Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Frederick County, Harford County, Howard County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Washington County; and not less than 500 for nominations for all other elections. The petition for nomination shall be filed at least fifteen days prior to the date set by law for the primary election.*

(c) *Form.* *The said signatures need not all be appended to one paper, but if the signatures be appended to more than one paper all such papers must be fastened together and filed as one certificate. Each signer shall append to his signature his residence, and the precinct or district where he is registered as a voter, and immediately below the signature of any such signer there shall be either printed or typed the name of such signer. Every such paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits made before a justice of the peace, notary public or other officer authorized to take oaths under the laws of this State, by one or more persons known personally to the justice, notary public or other officer, and so certified by him and signed by the affiants, to the effect that the signers are known to such affiant or affiants to be registered voters of the district or*