

the said election in the mode prescribed hereinabove in this section, as far as may be practicable. It shall not be necessary to print sample ballots or cards of instructions for such elections, but either or both shall be printed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the City of Baltimore, when requested by any candidate in said primary election, said request to be accompanied by a sum of money necessary to cover the cost of printing.

VACANCIES IN NOMINATIONS

73. Nomination Declined. (a) *General Election.* Whenever any person nominated for public office as in this Article provided shall, at least 65 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 required to be filed by this Article, 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.

(b) *Primary Election.* Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any 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 required to be filed by this Article, at least 65 days before the said primary that he or she desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, such certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at such primary election and the filing fee shall be refunded.

74. Filling Vacancies. (a) *Manner.* Should any person so nominated die before election day or decline the nomination, as in this sub-title provided, or should any certificate of nomination be or become insufficient or inoperative from any cause occurring after the period of time for the filling of vacancies in party nominations as is prescribed by Section 56 of this Article, the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned ~~may~~ SHALL be filled in the manner prescribed as hereinafter set forth.

(b) *State, Judicial, Congressional Vacancies.* In the event of any vacancy occurring because of the death or resignation of any person nominated for any State or Judicial office, or as a candidate for member of the Congress of the United States or for United States Senator, under provisions of the preceding sections of this Article, such vacancy shall be filled by the State Central Committee, or governing body for the State, of the political party to which said nominee belongs.

(c) *Primary Meeting.* If the original nomination was made by a primary meeting which had delegated to a committee the power to fill vacancies, such committee may, upon the occurring of such vacancies, proceed to fill the same; the chairman and secretary of such committee shall thereupon make and file with the proper officer a certificate setting forth the cause of the vacancy, the name of the person nominated, the office for which he was nominated, the name of the person for whom the new nominee is to be substituted, the fact that the committee was authorized to fill vacancies and such further information as is required to be given in an original certificate of