

challenge is substantiated by affirmative proof. In the absence of such proof, the presumption shall be that the voter as to whom the application or challenge was made is properly registered. If the board is satisfied that the person so challenged, omitted or dropped from the registration lists has actually moved to another precinct and is presently residing within that other precinct, the board may transfer that person to the registration list of the precinct in which he presently resides.

56.

(a) Certificates of candidacy shall be *received and filed in the appropriate office* not later than *nine p.m.* [midnight] on the Monday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the primary election should be held under the primary election law. *If this date should occur on a legal holiday, the certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.*

(b) In Baltimore City [in years of] municipal elections, [all] certificates of candidacy [must] *shall be received and filed in the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections* [and payments made by all candidates for nomination] not later than [midnight] *nine p.m.* [of the day] *on the Wednesday* which is ten weeks or seventy days [prior to] *before the day on which the primary election* [should] *shall be held under the primary election law.* If this date should occur on [December 24 or December 31] *a holiday, the* [nominations] *certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.*

(c) In case of any vacancy which may exist in respect to any office or delegates to convention, by reason of there being no candidate of a political party to file for the same in any such primary election, such vacancy shall be filled [by the State Central Committee, or governing body, of the political party for the State for any officer elected by the voters of more than one county or Baltimore City; in all other instances the vacancy shall be filled by the State Central Committee of the political subdivision.] *as follows:*

*(1) For any officer elected by the voters of one county, the vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee for that county.*

*(2) For any officer elected by the voters of one legislative district in Baltimore City, the vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee of such legislative district.*

*(3) For any officer elected by all of the voters of Baltimore City, such vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee for Baltimore City.*

*(4) In all other instances, the vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee of the political party for the State.*

The certificates of nomination shall be filed by said committee [s, or governing body,] with the Secretary of State or the board of supervisors of elections, as the case may be, not later than *the Monday which is fifteen days before the day on which the primary should be held under the primary election law.*