

71.

Not less than [sixty] *forty* days before an election to fill any public office, the Secretary of State shall certify to the supervisors of elections of each county and of the City of Baltimore, within which any of the voters may by law vote for candidates for such office, the name, party affiliation and residence of each person nominated for such office, as specified in the certificates of nominations filed with the Secretary of State.

73.

(A) WHENEVER ANY PERSON NOMINATED FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AS IN THIS ARTICLE PROVIDED SHALL, AT LEAST 45 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) Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall, 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 [35] *forty-five* (45) 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. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files such a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his or her candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to Section 58 of this [Code] *article*.

99.

All ballot boxes shall be constructed as follows: Each box shall be one foot outside measure, as near as may be in width and length, and eighteen inches in depth. It shall be strapped and secured on each edge and corner with brass mouldings, securely braced or soldered together at the junctions thereof, to prevent it from being easily broken. It shall have a strong wooden lid, which shall be fastened to the box with brass or iron hinges, not accessible from the outside and shall have a good lock. There shall be a slit in the lid just large enough to admit a single folded ballot at one time, and the sides and bottom of the box shall be of clear plate glass not less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness. Each such box, when not in actual use at a polling place, shall be kept in a wooden case for the protection of the same and its contents in the transportation and storage thereof. *In the event the Board of Supervisors no longer have ballot boxes which meet these specifications, they may procure temporary substitutes with comparable security features.*