

parties subject to the provisions of this subtitle in the respective national conventions of said parties, shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body for the whole State of each of said parties not later than the fifteenth day of April in each year in which such national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice President shall be held; provided that if the governing body for the whole State of any said parties shall not make such ascertainment and determination, the same may be made by the State convention of such party.

(c) The choice and the instructions ascertained and determined for the Maryland delegation of such party to the national convention, if any, with respect to the candidate of the party for President of the United States shall be certified by the presiding officer of the State Convention to the executive officers of the national convention of the party.

(d) All the delegates selected by the State Convention to a national convention shall be instructed and bound to vote as a unit on the first ballot for President in the national convention if so instructed by their State convention. They shall continue to vote for the choice of the State of Maryland for President as long as in their conscientious judgment there is any possibility of his being nominated.

(e) Any vacancy which may exist in the delegation of any of such parties to any such national convention shall be filled in the manner prescribed by the State convention with respect to the filling of vacancies.

12-2. Presidential electors: Selection and certification.

(a) The State convention of any party shall nominate or provide for the nomination of candidates for presidential electors of the party in such manner as the convention may determine.

(b) Number of electors: The State convention shall nominate or provide for the nomination of as many candidates for presidential electors of the party as this State shall be entitled to appoint.

(c) The names of persons nominated by the State convention as candidates for presidential electors shall be certified by the presiding officers of the State convention to the Secretary of State.

CONTESTED NOMINATIONS AT PRIMARY ELECTIONS

13-1. Time for petition for recount.

Within ten days after the day of any primary election, or within two days after the results of the canvass are declared official, any candidate for a nomination or for delegate to any convention or for member of a State or local central committee or position who has been defeated on the face of the returns, may petition the board for an appeal from and review of the action and decision of the judges in counting the ballots and for a recanvass and recount of the ballots cast in any or all of the precincts of any county or Baltimore City or ward or legislative district or political division therein. If the candidate was a candidate for a State office or for Congress or for judge he may petition for said recount in two or more counties or legislative districts or wards or precincts of Baltimore City simultaneously.