

(e) *Any paper which is to form a part of a certificate of candidacy shall be submitted to the Board for the county or the City of Baltimore in which the signers on the paper are alleged to reside. The Board shall give to anyone submitting any such paper or papers a signed receipt stating that the paper or papers are on file with the Board. It shall be the duty of the several boards in the jurisdiction in which the signers are alleged to be registered voters to verify the number of legitimate signatures of persons who are registered voters. On any petition, including an associated or included set of petitions, submitted to the Board, any question concerning the invalidity of the signature of any person on the petition affects that signature only and does not affect or impair any other portion of the petition or petitions. Following the verification, a duly authorized employee of the Board shall endorse on each paper the number of signatures verified by the employee and shall endorse and sign the paper. For the purpose of the endorsement, each paper shall contain a blank space for the endorsement. The papers shall be delivered to the Boards not later than 9:00 P.M. 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. All papers delivered to a Board pursuant to this subsection and required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 4A-2 shall, after verification and endorsement as herein required, be mailed or delivered by the Board to the Secretary of State, ~~at the expense of the candidate,~~ within ~~sixty (60)~~ THIRTY (30) days after the primary election. The Secretary of State shall determine the sufficiency of the percentage of registered voters signing petitions in those cases in which candidates file certificates of nomination or of candidacy in his office. In all other instances, such determination shall be made by the local boards.*

(f) *If the total required number of signatures is not properly appended to the petition, it shall be declared insufficient and the name of the proposed candidate shall not be placed on the ballot.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.*

Approved May 14, 1969.

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CHAPTER 555

(House Bill 9)

AN ACT to add new Section 1A-1 to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Election Code," to follow immediately after Section 1-1 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "State Administrative Board of Election Laws," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 18-1 and 18-2 of the said Article of the Code, subtitle "Board of State Canvassers," to create a State Administrative Board of Election Laws, to provide for the appointment of a State Administrator of Election Laws, the method of appointment of the members of the Board, their powers and duties under the State Election Laws, and the powers and duties of the State