

of Supervisors of Elections shall provide the means whereby all duly registered voters of Montgomery County, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for said nominees for the County Board of Education at a primary election to be held at the time and place for holding the primary elections of the political parties. In taking the ballot, voting machines shall be used, provided, however, that if the number of candidates submitted for vote at the primary elections is too large for the practical use of voting machines, the said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall supply paper ballots in the usual form for use in voting for such offices. [The two persons among those whose names are duly placed on a primary election ballot as candidates for nomination to the County Board of Education for any council district, who receive the largest number of votes and the four] *The eight persons among those whose names are duly placed on primary ballot as candidates for nomination to the County Board of Education at-large, in those years when elections shall be held for four members at-large to the County Board of Education and six persons among those whose names are duly placed on primary ballots as candidates for nomination to the County Board of Education at-large in those years when elections shall be held for three members at-large to the County Board of Education, who receive the largest number of votes at said primary election, shall be the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective County Board of Education offices.* The Board of canvassers for Montgomery County shall, upon the completion of its canvass of voters at said primary election, determine who are the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective Board of Education offices under the provisions of this section and shall certify the same to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Montgomery County. Any person who has qualified under this section as a candidate for nomination to the County Board of Education, and who shall by virtue of the provisions of this section, be required to run in a primary election, may on or before sixty-five (65) days preceding the primary election as herein provided, in a writing signed by him and acknowledged before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments under the laws of Maryland, notify the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Montgomery County that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination. The petition of candidacy as to any candidate so withdrawing shall, thereupon, be and become void and the name of such candidate shall not be placed on the ballot for such primary election. If the withdrawal of any candidate reduces [the nominees of any council district to two, or] the nominees at-large to [four] *eight in those years when elections shall be held for four members to the County Board of Education at-large or to six in those years when elections shall be held for three members to the County Board of Education at-large,* then the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall certify such remaining candidates as provided by subsection (b) (1) of this section. No person shall be certified as a candidate who is subject to the authority of the Board of Education.

(c) Election—The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Montgomery County shall provide for the election of members of the Board of Education as herein provided. Provisions shall be made for use of voting machines, or, in the alternative, for the use of paper ballots under the conditions herein prescribed. The names of all candidates who have been duly nominated under the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 12 of this article for election to the several Board of Educa-