

(3) EX OFFICIO DELEGATES.

(I) THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE SHALL BE AN EX OFFICIO DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION OF THE PARTY UPON WHOSE TICKET HE RAN IN THE LAST PRECEDING GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

~~(II) WITHIN EACH PARTY, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN, AND THE STATE PARTY CHAIRMAN SHALL BE EX OFFICIO DELEGATES. IF PROVIDED FOR IN THE PARTY CONSTITUTION, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN AND THE STATE PARTY CHAIRMAN OF EACH PARTY SHALL BE EX OFFICIO DELEGATES.~~

~~(3)~~ (4) Selection of Alternates for Elected Delegates. The elected delegation to the national party convention shall ~~select their alternates.~~ *elect the alternate delegates to the convention.*

~~(4)~~ (5) Filling of Vacancies. The entire delegation to a national party convention shall fill vacancies occurring in the office of delegate or alternate delegate.

(b) All the ~~selected~~ *district* delegates to a national convention shall be bound to vote for the candidate of their party for the office of President of the United States who receives the highest number of votes within their respective congressional district at the primary election, and the ~~delegates elected by a State party convention~~ *at-large delegates elected by the district delegates* as herein provided shall be bound to vote for the candidate who receives the highest total number of votes at the primary election in the State until the candidate for President of the United States is nominated by the convention, receives less than 35 percent of the votes for nomination by the convention, or releases the delegation, or until two convention nominating ballots have been taken.

~~(C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON, THE INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS ACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISIONS OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

SEC. 2. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

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CHAPTER 441
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AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 405 (a) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replace-