

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] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws* 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] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws*, within thirty (30) days after the primary election. The [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws* 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] *its* office. In all other instances, such determination shall be made by the local boards.

8-1.

All nominations shall be attested to by a certificate of nomination.

(a) If the nomination is by means of a primary election, the certificate shall be signed and acknowledged by the persons whose duty it may be, by party usage, to declare the result of such election in the manner prescribed for a nomination by a convention, but no party emblem or device of any kind shall be added to said certificate, and if any such emblem or device should be added, it shall not be printed upon the ballot by the [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws* or any of the boards.

8-3.

The [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws* and the several boards shall cause to be retained in their respective offices for two years all certificates of candidacy and of nomination filed with them under the provisions of this article. All such certificates shall be open to public inspection.

8-4.

Not less than thirty days before a general election to fill any public office the [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws* shall certify to the board of each county and of the City of Baltimore, within which any of the voters may by law vote for candidates for any 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] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws*.

9-2.

(d) Certification by [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Elections Laws*.—When such certificate is filed with the [Secretary of State, he] *State Administrative Board of Election*