

## 4A-1.

(a). Each person filing a certificate of candidacy for nomination or election to any public or party office in any of the counties, any senatorial district or any legislative district must be a registered voter of the particular county or district in which he seeks to be nominated or elected and shall furthermore be affiliated with the party whose nomination he seeks or whose office he seeks. Before finally placing the name of such a candidate on the ballot, the board shall determine that the candidate meets the registration and affiliation requirements of this section. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the party affiliation of any candidate for judicial office for which candidates are permitted to be listed on the ballot without party designation; but the requirements shall be applicable to the filling of any vacancy in any public or party office.

(b). *The use of nicknames, titles, degrees, or other professional designations on the certificate of candidacy or ballot is prohibited.*

(c). *Certificates of candidacy shall include a space in which candidates are to designate the listing of their name as they wish it to appear on the ballot by designation of any given name, NAME OR NAMES, plus the initial letter of other given name or names, if any, and surname.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on ~~June~~ JULY 1, 1971.*

Approved April 29, 1971

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 CHAPTER 265

## (House Bill 9)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9-1(a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Vacancies in Nominations—In General," to require that board offices be open and certificates of withdrawal of candidacy be accepted until a certain time, and generally relating to the election laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 9-1(a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Vacancies in Nominations—In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

## 9-1.

The times designated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section for declining nominations and for withdrawal of certificates of candidacy *and for board offices to be open* are mandatory and the provisions of these paragraphs shall also be applicable to municipal elections in Baltimore City.