

all parties and from independent nomination *and to write-in the name of a candidate not included on the official ballot;*

16-4.

(b) Not less than **[twenty]** *twenty-five* days before any election the form and arrangement of the ballots to be used in the election; showing the offices, names of candidates, constitutional amendments and questions thereon, shall be prepared by the board and made available for inspection by any candidate whose name shall appear thereon or the official representative of any political party having a candidate on the ballot. *Following five days of public display, no court shall entertain a suit or grant injunctive relief to any party seeking to challenge the form or arrangement of the ballots.*

16-5.

(a) *In primary elections, [The] the* names of candidates for every office shall be arranged alphabetically on the ballots according to their surnames, under the designation of the office; except that the names of candidates of each political party for President and Vice-President shall be grouped together, with the party name at the right of the surnames under the designation "Electors for President and Vice-President," and arranged alphabetically in the order of the surnames of the presidential candidates. *The names of candidates of each political party for Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall also be grouped together.* The use of nicknames, titles, degrees, or other professional designations on the ballot is absolutely prohibited.

(b) All candidates for office shall as far as possible be placed in one column on the ballots; but when the names to be printed *on paper ballots* are over thirty-six, *or on voting machines when the required number of spaces assigned to each party or office are exhausted*, another column may be added in which names shall be printed. When two or more columns are used the same number of names, so far as possible, shall be printed in each column. The initial letters of the given or Christian names of the several candidates in each column shall be printed directly beneath each other in a vertical line, and the initial letter of the respective party designations of said several candidates shall be printed directly beneath each other in a vertical line.

(c) The titles of offices may be arranged horizontally or vertically on the ballots, with the names of candidates for an office arranged longitudinally under or transversely opposite the title of his office. The titles of offices shall be so arranged that: (1) there shall first appear those titles of offices for which the voters of the entire State or of an entire congressional district may vote as follows: President and Vice-President, Governor *and Lieutenant Governor*, Comptroller, Attorney General, U. S. Senator, Representative; (2) there shall next appear the titles of candidates for judge of the circuit courts of the several counties, the courts of Baltimore City and the Court of Special Appeals or the Court of Appeals of Maryland there shall also appear the titles for the office of mayor of the City of Baltimore and county executive of the respective counties; (3) there shall next appear the titles of offices in the General Assembly of Maryland; and (4) there shall next appear the titles of offices for which the voters of the respective counties or Baltimore City may vote, including, but not limited to, the offices of *county commissioners or county councilmen*,