

*Each signer shall append to his signature his residence, and the name of the county or city where he is registered as a voter, and immediately below the signature of any signer there shall be either printed or typed the name of the signer. Every paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits which state that the signers are registered voters of the county or city as set forth in the petition and that the affiant or affiants witnessed the application of each signature to the paper. The affidavits shall be made before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or other officer authorized to take oaths under the laws of this State by one or more persons known personally to the Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or other official and it shall be so certified.*

*(c) Restrictions on signers. No person shall sign more than one petition for the formation of a new political party between each general election in the State; nor shall any person sign more than once on any petition for the formation of a new political party.*

*(d) Verification of signatures; endorsement; delivery of petitions; determination of sufficiency of signers. All papers containing signatures which are appended to a Petition for Formation of a Political Party which shall be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, shall be submitted by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to the board for the county or the City of Baltimore in which the signers on the paper are alleged to reside, within fifteen days after the receipt of the petition and appended papers by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. It shall be the duty of the several boards in the jurisdiction in which the signers are alleged to be registered voters to verify the number of legitimate signatures of persons who are registered voters. On any petition submitted to the board any question concerning the invalidity of the signature of any person on the petition shall affect that signature only and shall not affect or impair any other portion of the petition. 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. After verification and endorsement as herein required, which shall be completed within fifteen days after receipt of the papers by the board, all papers delivered to the board pursuant to this subsection shall be mailed or returned to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. If the total required number of signatures is properly appended to the Petition for Formation of a Political Party, and the petition is otherwise in proper form and meets all of the requirements of this section, the party shall be promptly notified. Upon the filing of an interim constitution and bylaws with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws in the manner and within the time hereinafter provided, the political party designated in the petition shall be considered a political party for the purposes of this article.*

*(e) Effect of insufficient number of signatures. If the total required number of signatures is not properly appended to the Petition for Formation of a Political Party, it shall be declared insufficient by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the party shall not be deemed a political party for the purposes of this article.*  
**, AND THE APPLICANT SHALL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED.**