

*the requirements of the subtitle "Nomination by Petition" of this article, but dies or declines the nomination before election day, the State central committee or governing body of the political party with which said nominee is affiliated, may fill the vacancy in the nomination of the party in the manner provided in Section 9-2 through 9-5, inclusive, of this article. The political party shall not nominate more than one candidate for each public or party office to be filled at the succeeding general election, except to fill a vacancy in a prior nomination.*

#### *Loss of Status as Political Party*

##### *4C-1. Loss of status as a political party.*

*(a) Loss of Status. If in any general election at which the voters of the State vote for candidates for President of the United States or Governor of the State, any political party polls less than three percentum of the entire vote cast in the State, as determined in subsection (b) of this section, such party shall cease to be a political party for purposes of this article.*

*(b) Determination of percentum of entire vote cast. The determination of whether a political party polled three percentum or less of the entire vote cast in the State in any general election for purposes of subsection (a) of this section, shall be made as follows:*

*(i) In any general election at which the voters of the State vote for candidates for President of the United States, the total number of votes cast for the party's nominees for the offices of President of the United States, and United States Senator (if a United States Senator from this State was elected at such general election), must equal or exceed three percentum of the total number of votes cast at such general election for all candidates for all such offices; or*

*(ii) In any general election at which the voters of the State vote for candidates for Governor of this State, the total number of votes cast for the party's nominees for the offices of United States Senator (if a United States Senator from this State was elected at such general election), Governor of this State, ~~Lieutenant Governor of this State~~, Comptroller of this State, and Attorney General of this State, must equal or exceed three percentum of the total number of votes cast at the general election for all candidates for all such offices.*

*(c) Revival of party. If a party loses its status as a political party for purposes of this article pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, such party may at any time regain its status as a political party for purposes of this article by filing a valid Petition for Formation of a Political Party pursuant to the provisions of Section 4B-1 of this article.*

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Any political party [which at the general election next preceding any primary election to be held hereunder, shall have polled ten percentum or more of the entire vote cast in the State] *with which ten percentum or more of the registered voters of this State are affiliated, as shown by the most recent Statement of Registration of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws compiled pur-*