

suant to Section 3-9A(b) of this article shall nominate (1) all its candidates for public office; and (2) all members of the State and local central committees in said political party [by means of] at the succeeding primary election[s] conducted under the provisions of this subtitle; and shall elect the appropriate number of delegates to a national convention as provided in this article. The several boards shall not print on the official ballot to be voted at any general or special election to be hereafter held the name or names of any such candidate or candidates for election in Baltimore City or any of the counties of the State of any of said parties who shall not be so nominated and whose nomination shall not be certified to them or to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws as having been so nominated.

[6-1.

(a) A primary meeting within the meaning of this article is an organized assemblage of delegates or voters, registered under this article as members of a particular party whose highest candidate at any election held within two years next preceding the holding of such meeting polled more than one percentum and less than ten percentum of the entire vote cast in the State, county or other division or district for which the nomination is made. Candidates of such a party for public office may be nominated by a primary meeting as thus defined.

(b) The primary meeting shall be called by the party chairman, if one has been selected, and if not, by the party's candidate for the highest statewide office in the preceding general election, upon thirty days' notice by publication in newspapers of circulation deemed adequate to reach all of the party's members, the notice to be reprinted twenty, ten and five days prior to the primary meeting. The notice will designate the time, place and purpose of the meeting and the agenda to be followed. The meeting will be conducted according to Robert Revised Rules of Order, unless the party shall have previously adopted and filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws a constitution and bylaws which comply substantially with Section 11-1 of this article.]

7-1.

(a) A candidate for any public office who is [neither a candidate nor a registered member of a party whose nominee must be nominated by primary election or whose nominee may be nominated by primary meeting] *registered as an Independent or who is a member of or affiliated with a partisan organization which is not a political party as defined in this article or who is not a member of a political party whose nominees must be nominated by means of primary elections, may be nominated by petition, as in this section provided. Nothing in this subsection applies to candidates or nominations in Montgomery County for election to the county Board of Education.*

(b) A candidate for public office seeking nomination by petition shall file a certificate of candidacy under the provisions of the subtitle "Certificate of Candidacy" of this article with a sworn statement attached that he has on file with the election board or the several boards of the State petitions signed by not less than three percentum (3%) ~~OR FOUR THOUSAND (4,000), WHICHEVER IS~~