

~~GREATER~~, of the registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office for which such nomination by petition is sought. The number of registered voters shall be determined as of [January 1st preceding the] *the commencement of the six month period before the primary election for which the nomination is sought. Candidates nominated by petition must pay the fee prescribed in Section 4A-6 of this article in the same manner as candidates for nomination at a primary election, with the filing of the Certificate of Candidacy of the candidate. Such fees shall be disposed of in the same manner as provided in Section 4A-8 of this article.*

8-1.

All nominations shall be attested to by a certificate of nomination.

(a) If the nomination is by means of a primary election, the certificate shall be signed and acknowledged by the persons whose duty it may be, by party usage, to declare the result of such election in the manner prescribed for a nomination by a convention, but no party emblem or device of any kind shall be added to said certificate, and if any such emblem or device should be added, it shall not be printed upon the ballot by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws or any of the boards.

(1) Whenever only one candidate of any such political party has qualified to have his name placed upon the official primary election ballot at the expiration of time allowed, for any public office or position, a certificate of nomination or selection shall be issued to him forthwith.

(2) If after the expiration of time allowed by this article for candidates for public office, delegates to conventions, members of State or local central committees to qualify for the purpose of having their names placed upon the official primary election ballot in any legislative district of Baltimore City or in any county of the State, it shall appear that only one set, or less than one set, of candidates of any such political party have so qualified [then and in that event,] certificates of nomination or selection shall be issued to the candidates so qualified in a similar manner to that herein provided for candidates nominated at primary elections.

[(b) The certificate of nomination for any primary meeting shall contain the names of each person nominated, the address of his residence, the nature of his business and the name of the office for which he has been nominated. It shall designate in not more than one word the party or principle which the primary meeting represents. The presiding officer and secretary of such primary meeting shall sign the certificate giving their respective places of residence. They shall acknowledge the certificate before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments, who shall append a certificate of such acknowledgment thereto.]

[(c)] (b) The certificate of nomination of any person nominated by petition shall contain the name of the person so nominated, the address of his residence, the nature of his business and the name of the office to which he has been nominated.

9-2.

(a) Should any nominee die before election day or decline the nomination, as in this subtitle provided, or should any certificate of