

(d) Within ten days of the adoption thereof a copy of the constitution and bylaws shall be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Such constitution and bylaws shall be adopted not later than six months **[prior to the next succeeding statewide primary election. Any amendments thereafter made to the constitution and bylaws shall likewise be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws within ten days after adoption.]** *after the first Statewide general election following the first Statewide primary election in which the political party is required to nominate candidates for public office. If a constitution and bylaws is not adopted and filed within the times aforesaid, then the political party shall lose its status as a political party for purposes of this article, until such time as it again complies with the requirements of Section 4B-1 of this article. Once a political party has filed a permanent constitution and bylaws with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, further filing after each primary election shall not be required, but any amendments to the constitution and bylaws shall be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws within ten days after adoption.* The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall also be notified of the names and addresses of the persons elected as officers or as members of the governing body of the political party.

11-2.

(a) **[Any party having polled ten per centum or more of the votes cast at the previous general election]** *Each political party as defined in Section 1-1 (a) (15) of this article shall have a central committee for the State which shall be its governing body; such committee to be composed of the members of the central committee of such party for the several counties and Baltimore City.*

(b) *For parties required to select nominees at a primary election,* **[T]** the central committee for the counties or Baltimore City shall be selected as provided in this article. The central committee for any county or Baltimore City shall consist of such number of persons and be elected from such political subdivisions as shall be determined by party constitution and in a State central committee meeting shall be entitled to cast the same number of votes as that county or legislative district of Baltimore City shall be entitled to elect to the House of Delegates of Maryland. Any vacancy in the party central committee for any county or legislative district of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel or Baltimore counties shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee elected from that county or legislative district of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel or Baltimore counties.

11-3.

(a) The governing body of a political party shall be the State central committee for the State, and no other organization, whenever or however incorporated, shall be entitled to any recognition or official status for any purpose contained in this article. Political parties in this State, whether making nominations through primary elections or **[primary meetings]** *nominating petitions*, are expressly forbidden to incorporate under the general laws of this State providing for the formation of corporations.