

date for nomination to the county Board, and who shall by virtue of the provisions of this section, be required to run in a primary election, may on or before sixty-five (65) days preceding the primary election as herein provided, in a writing signed by him and acknowledged before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments under the laws of Maryland, notify the board of supervisors of elections of ~~Montgomery~~ HOWARD County that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination. The petition of candidacy as to any candidate so withdrawing shall, thereupon be and become void and the name of such candidate shall not be placed on the ballot for such primary election. If the withdrawal of any candidate reduces the nominees to less than twice the number of members to be elected to the Board, then the board of supervisors of elections shall certify such remaining candidates as provided by paragraph (2) of this subsection. No person shall be certified as a candidate who is subject to the authority of the Board.

(c) (1) Nominees and candidates for membership on the Board shall limit their campaign expenditures from all sources to a sum equal to two cents (\$.02) times the number of registered voters in Howard County on the first day of January next preceding the primary or general election.

(2) All candidates and nominees shall file information relating to their campaign expenditures in accordance with the provisions of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(3) If the campaign expenditures of any candidate or nominee exceeds the sum permitted under paragraph (1) of this subsection, that candidate or nominee shall forfeit any office on the Board to which he was elected.

(d) The board of supervisors of elections of Howard County shall provide for the election of members of the Board of Education as herein provided. Provisions shall be made for use of voting machines, or, in the alternative, for the use of paper ballots under the conditions herein prescribed. The names of all candidates who have been duly nominated under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section for election to the several Board of Education offices shall, except in the case of death, be placed on the ballot. The board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means whereby all registered voters of Howard County, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for said nominees for the Board in the primary election or for the candidates for the Board in the general election. The candidates, equal to the number of members to be elected to the Board, who receive the largest number of votes at the general election shall be declared elected for the respective Board of Education offices. All voting for the Board members, either in a primary election or in a general election, shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and on a general county-wide ticket; no designation of party affiliation shall be placed upon any petition for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at any said primary or general election.

(e) (1) At their first meeting at the beginning of each year, the members of the Board shall elect one of their number to serve as chairman of the Board for the term.

(2) The Board shall meet at least twice monthly and shall perform the functions of county boards of education as provided by