

in which national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President are held. The selection of delegates shall be as follows:

(1) Election of District Delegates. Of the number of delegates allotted to Maryland, with the exception of those provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, there shall be elected from each congressional district an equal number of district delegates from the list of candidates certified to the boards by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. In ascertaining the number of delegates to be elected from each congressional district, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall determine the highest whole number that can be multiplied by the current number of congressional districts in Maryland to obtain a product closest to but not greater than 100% of the delegates allotted to Maryland by the respective national party committee. Each delegate may have placed adjacent to his name on the ballot the name of a presidential candidate, provided that the written permission of the presidential candidate has been received by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws at least 53 days prior to the date of the primary election.

(2) Election of At-Large Delegates. After the election of the district delegates in accordance with Section 12-1 (a) (1), those elected district delegates from any national political party shall meet in convention not more than 21 days after that election [and] *at a time and place to be designated by the State Party Chairman who shall act as chairman of the convention. The elected district delegates* shall elect, as "At-Large Delegates," the remainder of delegates allotted to Maryland by the respective national party committee and not elected under Section 12-1 (a) (2).

(3) Ex Officio Delegates.

(i) The Governor of the State shall be an ex officio delegate to the national party convention of the party upon whose ticket he ran in the last preceding gubernatorial election.

(ii) If provided for in the party constitution, the national committeeman, the national committeewoman and the State party chairman of each party shall be ex officio delegates.

(4) Selection of Alternates for Elected Delegates. The elected delegation to the national party convention shall elect the alternate delegates to the convention.

(5) Filling of Vacancies. The entire delegation to a national party convention shall fill vacancies occurring in the office of delegate or alternate delegate.

(6) IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THIS SUBSECTION AND ANY OTHER SUBSECTION OF THIS SECTION THE OTHER SUBSECTION SHALL PREVAIL.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 5, 1972.