

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 4A-4(b), 9-3 and 9-4 of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

4A-4.

(b) In a State legislative district comprising more than one county, or in a State [legislative subdistrict] DELEGATE DISTRICT comprising more than one county, any vacancy occurring because there is no candidate of a political party to file for the office shall be filled by vote of the State central committee in each of those counties in the district [or subdistrict]. The State central committee of each county involved shall [have one vote for the choice to fill the vacancy in nomination] CAST A VOTE PROPORTIONATE TO ITS SHARE OF THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT WHERE THE VACANCY EXISTS. SUCH POPULATION SHALL BE BASED ON THE MOST RECENT DECENNIAL UNITED STATES CENSUS. If one person fails to receive a majority of the votes or if there is a tie vote between or among the State central committees, the vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee for the State of the party.

9-3.

In a State legislative district comprising more than one county, or in a State [legislative subdistrict] DELEGATE DISTRICT comprising more than one county, any vacancy occurring because of the death or resignation of any person nominated for State Senator or member of the House of Delegates in such legislative district or [subdistrict] DELEGATE DISTRICT shall be filled by vote of the State central committees of the party in each of those counties in the district [or subdistrict]. The State central committee of each county involved shall [have one vote for the choice to fill the vacancy in nomination] CAST A VOTE PROPORTIONATE TO ITS SHARE OF THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT WHERE THE VACANCY EXISTS. SUCH POPULATION SHALL BE BASED ON THE MOST RECENT DECENNIAL UNITED STATES CENSUS. If one person fails to receive a majority of the votes or if there is a tie vote between or among the State central committees, the vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee for the State of the party.

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Local vacancies shall be filled by the State central