

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 4A-1(d), 4A-6(g), and 4D-1 be and they are hereby added to Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

4A-1.

(D) WRITE-IN CANDIDATES SHALL FILE CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4D-1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4A-6.

(G) A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, AS DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 4D-1 OF THIS ARTICLE, IS REQUIRED TO PAY A FILING FEE EQUAL TO THAT REQUIRED OF A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION TO THE SAME OFFICE SOUGHT BY THE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE OR TO THE OFFICE TO WHICH HE IS PROMOTED.

4D-1. WRITE-IN CAMPAIGNS.

(A) ANY PERSON OR COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE PERSONS WHO EXPENDS \$51 OR MORE TO ORGANIZE, PROMOTE, OR ASSIST IN ANY MANNER THE WRITE-IN CANDIDACY OF ANY PERSON OR PERSONS FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED AT A GENERAL ELECTION, IS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. THE PERSON PROMOTED FOR PUBLIC OFFICE UNDER THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES IS A "WRITE-IN CANDIDATE".

(B) A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION. THE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SAME AGENCY AS IF THE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE WERE FILING FOR OFFICE UNDER SECTION 4A-2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION OF A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE SHALL BE FILED NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER A TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$51 IS MADE IN HIS BEHALF BY THE COMMITTEE PROMOTING HIS CANDIDACY, BUT SHALL NOT BE FILED AFTER NOON ON THE FOURTH DAY PRECEDING THE DAY OF THE ELECTION FOR WHICH FILED.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

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