

of Education offices under the provisions of this section and shall certify the same to the board of supervisors of elections of Montgomery County. Any person who has qualified under this section as a candidate for nomination to the county Board of Education, 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 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 at large to eight in those years when elections shall be held for four members to the county Board of Education at large or to six in those years when elections shall be held for three members to the county Board of Education at large, then the board of supervisors of elections shall certify such remaining candidates as provided by subsection (b) (1) of this section. No person shall be certified as a candidate who is subject to the authority of the Board of Education.

(c) The board of supervisors of elections of Montgomery County shall provide for the election of members of the Board of Education as herein provided. EXCEPT FOR ANY ELECTION AT WHICH THE USE OF ELECTRONICALLY TABULATED PUNCHCARD BALLOTS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33, SECTION 16A-1 OF THIS CODE, [Provisions] 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 four persons among the eight in those years when elections shall be held for four members to the county Board of Education at large and three persons among the six in those years when elections shall be held for three members to the county Board of Education at large, whose names are placed on the ballot as candidates for election to the county Board of Education at large who receive the largest number of votes at said election, shall be declared elected for the respective Board of Education offices. All voting for the county Board of Education members, either in a primary election or in a general election, shall be conducted on a nonpartisan