

Article 77 - Public Education

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[(b) Nomination for membership on the county Board of Education of Montgomery County, except as otherwise herein provided, shall be by petition endorsed by a minimum of 500 voters of the county. Each such petition shall be filed with the board of election supervisors of Montgomery County not later than the deadline prescribed for other candidates for public office as set forth in Article 33, § 44-3 of this Code. Each such petition filed shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 filing fee. Except as otherwise in this section specified, each such petition shall conform generally to the laws and requirements of Article 33 of this Code, provided, however, that publication of each such petition shall not be required.

(1) If after the expiration of the time allowed for filing of petitions by this section, there are no more than two nominees for the county Board of Education at large, respectively for each member then to be elected, said board of supervisors of elections shall certify said candidates as duly nominated candidates for election for the respective Board of Education offices. These names and the name of the position for which they are candidates shall be omitted from the ballot required by sub-subsection (2) of this subsection.

(2) If after the expiration of the time, as aforesaid, there are more than two nominees for the county Board of Education at large, respectively for each member then to be elected, said board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means whereby all duly registered voters of Montgomery County, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for said nominees for the county Board of Education at a primary election to be held at the time and place for holding the primary elections of the political parties. In taking the ballot, voting machines shall be used, 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; provided, however, that if the number of candidates submitted for vote at the primary elections is too large for the practical use of voting machines, the said board of supervisors of elections shall supply paper ballots in the usual form for use in voting for such offices. A duly registered voter may vote for not more than the number of nominees for which there are offices to fill. The eight persons among those whose names are duly placed on primary ballots as candidates for nomination to the county Board of Education at large, in those years when elections shall be held for four members at large to the county Board of Education and six persons among those whose names are duly placed on primary ballots as candidates