

for nomination to the county Board of Education at large in those years when elections shall be held for three members at large to the county Board of Education, who receive the largest number of votes at said primary election, shall be the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective county Board of Education offices. The board of canvassers for Montgomery County shall, upon the completion of its canvass of voters at said primary election, determine who are the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective Board 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. In the event that a duly nominated candidate for election to the respective county board of education shall, for any reason, cease to be a candidate, the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Montgomery County shall place on the ballot for the general election only the names of the remaining duly nominated candidates. No person shall be certified as a candidate who is subject to the authority of the Board of Education.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 36(b) be and it is hereby added to Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

36.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE MADE BY PETITION ENDORSED BY A MINIMUM OF 500 VOTERS OF THE COUNTY. EACH PETITION SHALL