

Code of Maryland, or, in the case of a board covered by a local merit system as provided in Article 64A, § 9G (f), subject to the rules and regulations of the personnel officials of the county in which the board is located, each board has the power to appoint and remove, clerks, registrars, voting machine custodians, stenographers, and other employees who shall be registered voters of the State of Maryland. During the time of acting in any capacity under this section, no employee shall hold any public or party office or be a candidate for any public or party office; use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election; or take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to election judges, whatever their title may be, or to attorneys to the election boards. However, an election judge or an attorney to an election board may not be a candidate or[,] a treasurer for a candidate.

In Baltimore City the board shall have no more than 45 employees, or as provided hereafter by the secretary of personnel.

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(d) All persons except write-in candidates [,] shall file their certificates of candidacy in person within the time specified by § 4A-3 of this article and at the place specified in this section. In the event that any person wishing to file a certificate of candidacy is unable to do so in person by reason of illness, military service or temporary absence from the State of Maryland, such person shall file an affidavit setting out fully such facts as prevent him from personally filing his certificate of candidacy and such affidavit must be filed with the certificate of candidacy.

(e) Certificates of candidacy for the candidates for election as delegates to a national convention [,] may be filed by certified mail, return receipt requested, with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, and if mailed, must be received by the State Board no later than 15 days before the filing deadline.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved April 13, 1976.