

nomination in compliance with all the requirements of the subtitle "Nomination by Petition" of this article, but dies or declines the nomination before election day, the [State] central committee [or governing body] of the political party with which said nominee is affiliated, may fill the vacancy in the nomination of the party in the manner provided in § 9-2 through 9-5, inclusive, of this article. The political party shall not nominate more than one candidate for each public or party office to be filled at the succeeding general election, except to fill a vacancy in a prior nomination.

5-2.

(a) The primary elections by the political parties for candidates for State offices and [State] central committee shall be held throughout this State on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September. The primary elections by the political parties in each year in which a national convention is held for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President shall be held throughout this State on the third Tuesday in May. A special primary election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress shall be held on such date as the Governor shall specify pursuant to § 22-1 (b) of this article.

9-2.

(b) In the event of any vacancy occurring because of the death or resignation of any person nominated for any State or judicial office, or as a candidate for member of the Congress of the United States or for United States Senator, under provisions of the preceding sections of this article, such vacancy shall be filled by the [State] central committee[, or governing body for the State] of the political party to which said nominee belongs.

9-3.

In a State legislative district comprising more than one county, or in a State delegate district comprising more than one county, any vacancy occurring because of the death or resignation of any person nominated for State Senator or member of the House of Delegates in such legislative district or delegate district shall be filled by vote of the [State] central committees of the party in each of those counties in the district. The [State] central committee of each county involved shall cast a vote proportionate to its share of the population of the district where the vacancy exists. Such population shall be based on the most recent decennial United States census. If one person fails to receive a majority of the votes or if there is a tie vote between or among the [State] central committees, the vacancy shall be filled by the State central committee [for the State] of the party.