

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE MEANS WHEREBY ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, IRRESPECTIVE OF PARTY AFFILIATION, MAY VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. THE CANDIDATES, EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD, WHO RECEIVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED FOR THE RESPECTIVE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICES. ALL VOTING FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS AND ON A GENERAL COUNTYWIDE TICKET; NO DESIGNATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION SHALL BE PLACED UPON ANY PETITION FOR NOMINATION, NOR UPON ANY VOTING MACHINE OR PAPER BALLOT USED AT THE ELECTION.

(C) CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

NOMINEES AND CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD SHALL LIMIT THEIR CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES FOR ALL SOURCES TO NO MORE THAN \$500. ALL CANDIDATES AND NOMINEES SHALL FILE INFORMATION RELATING TO THEIR CAMPAIGN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

32-3. CHARLES COUNTY.

(A) ELECTION OF MEMBERS GENERALLY.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE ELECTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS, AND NO PARTY LABELS OR PARTY IDENTIFICATION SHALL BE SHOWN OR DISPLAYED WITH RESPECT TO CANDIDATES FOR THESE POSITIONS ON THE BALLOTS OR BALLOT LABELS FOR EITHER THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

(B) PETITION FOR NOMINATION; FILING FEE; QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEES; PRIMARY ELECTION.

(1) NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE BY PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST 200 VOTERS FROM THE COUNTY. EACH PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS OF CHARLES COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 9:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS TEN WEEKS OR 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES IS HELD. EACH PETITION SHALL CONFORM GENERALLY TO THE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE. ANY PERSON SO NOMINATED SHALL BE A QUALIFIED VOTER AND RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY. EACH NOMINEE AT THE TIME OF FILING HIS PETITION SHALL SUBMIT THEREWITH A FILING FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.

(2) IF, AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME ALLOWED FOR FILING PETITIONS BY THIS SECTION, THERE ARE NO MORE THAN TWO NOMINEES FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT LARGE FOR EACH MEMBER TO BE ELECTED, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL CERTIFY THE 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 (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.