

(A) NOMINATION.

(1) NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE HEREIN PROVIDED, SHALL BE BY PETITION ENDORSED BY A MINIMUM OF 250 REGISTERED VOTERS OF HOWARD COUNTY. EACH PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS FOR HOWARD COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS TO BE HELD. EACH PETITION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$10 FILING FEE. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE IN THIS SECTION PROVIDED, EACH PETITION SHALL CONFORM GENERALLY TO THE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) IF AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME ALLOWED FOR FILING OF PETITIONS BY THIS SECTION, THERE ARE NO MORE THAN TWO NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD 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 PARAGRAPH THREE (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) IF AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME, AS AFORESAID, THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD, RESPECTIVELY FOR EACH MEMBER THEN TO BE ELECTED, SAID BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE MEANS WHEREBY ALL DULY REGISTERED VOTERS OF HOWARD COUNTY, IRRESPECTIVE OF PARTY AFFILIATION, MAY VOTE FOR SAID NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD 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, 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. THE NOMINEES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, EQUAL TO TWICE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD, WHO RECEIVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE DULY NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OFFICES. THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS FOR HOWARD 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 OFFICES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL CERTIFY THE SAME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS OF HOWARD COUNTY. ANY PERSON WHO HAS QUALIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION AS A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD, AND WHO SHALL BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, BE REQUIRED TO RUN IN A PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY ON OR BEFORE 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 HOWARD 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