

The provisions of these paragraphs shall not be applicable to elections pursuant to § 22-1(b) of this article, and any right of withdrawal in such elections shall be limited to whatever is set forth in the Governor's proclamation, provided, however, that said proclamation by the Governor must contain a provision which allows any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy pursuant to § 22-1(b) of this article to withdraw such certificate within two days after the final filing date as established in § 4A-3 of this article.

(a) (1) Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall, in a writing signed by him, and acknowledged before a notary public, notify the officer or board with whom the certificate of candidacy is required to be filed by this article, within 18 days after the final filing date established in § 4A-3 of this article that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, the certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files such a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to § 4A-7 of this article.

(2) Board offices shall be open and certificates of withdrawal of candidacy shall be accepted until 5 p.m. on the last day for withdrawing.

(3) THE NAME OF ANY PERSON WHO FILES A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, IS OPPOSED, AND DOES NOT WITHDRAW SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS HE DIES OR IS DISQUALIFIED AND HIS DEATH OR DISQUALIFICATION IS KNOWN TO THE BOARD WITH WHICH THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY WAS FILED ON OR BEFORE THE SEVENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE. THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT APPLY TO THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

(b) (1) Any person nominated for public office as in this article provided may decline such nomination by notifying the officer with whom the certificate nominating him is required to be filed that he declines such nomination. The statement of declination shall be in writing, signed by the person nominated and acknowledged before a notary public or any person empowered to take oaths, and must reach the aforementioned officer by the following deadline: for a nomination to candidacy in an election in the year in which the Governor is elected, within ten days after the date of the primary election; for a nomination to candidacy in an election in the year in which electors for President of the United States are elected, at least 70 days before the general election. If