

the ballot for that primary election. If the withdrawal of any candidate reduces the nominees to less than twice the number of members to be elected to the board, the board of supervisors of elections shall certify the remaining candidates as provided by paragraph (2) of this subsection. No person, who is subject to the authority of the board, may be certified as a candidate.

(b) All candidates and nominees shall file information relating to their campaign expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(c) The board of supervisors of elections of Garrett County shall provide for the election of members of the Board of Education. A voter may vote for only one nominee in each district and only two nominees in the at-large category. Provisions shall be made for use of voting machines, or for the use of paper ballots under the conditions prescribed in this subsection. The names of all candidates who have been duly nominated under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section for election to the several board of education offices shall, except in the case of death, be placed on the ballot. The board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means for all registered voters of Garrett County, irrespective of party affiliation to vote for the nominees for the board in the primary election or for the candidates for the board in the general election. The candidate from each of the three county commissioner districts who receives the greatest number of votes cast countywide shall be declared elected to the board from that county commissioner district. The two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes of any candidate seeking election at large shall be declared elected to the board. All voting for the board members, either in a primary election or in a general election, shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis. No designation of party affiliation may be placed upon any petition for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at any primary or general election.]

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(a) (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.