

nominees for the board for each member then 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 paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) If after the expiration of the time allowed for the filing of petitions, there are more than two nominees for each member of the board then to be elected, the board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means for all duly registered voters of Kent County, irrespective of party affiliation, to vote for the nominees for the board at a primary election. This primary election shall 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. However, if the number of candidates submitted for vote at the primary elections is too large for the practical use of voting machines, the board of supervisors of elections may 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 are duly nominated candidates for election to the board offices. The board of canvassers for Kent County, upon the completion of its canvass of voters at the primary election, shall determine who are the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective board offices under the provisions of this section and shall certify them to the board of supervisors of elections of Kent County. Any person who has qualified as a candidate for nomination to the county board, and who is required to run in a primary election, may on or before 65 days preceding the primary election, 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 Kent County that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for the nomination. The petition of candidacy of any candidate so withdrawing shall be void and the name of that candidate may not be placed on 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 may, who is subject to the authority of the board, be certified as a candidate.

(b) (1) Nominees and candidates for membership on the board shall limit their campaign expenditures from all sources to a sum equal to 5 cents times the number of registered voters in Kent County on January 1 next preceding the primary or general election.