

(b) (1) Nomination for membership on the Prince George's County Board of Education shall be by petition endorsed by a minimum of 500 registered voters of Prince George's County. Each petition shall be filed with the board of election supervisors for Prince George's County not later than 9:00 p.m. on the Monday which is 70 days before the day on which the special primary election is to be held. Each petition for nomination shall be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee. 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 a particular district office, the board of supervisors of elections shall certify those candidates as duly nominated candidates for election for those particular Board of Education offices. Those 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 filing of petitions, there are more than two nominees for a particular district office, the board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means whereby all duly registered voters of the county, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for the nominees for the board at the 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 board of supervisors of elections shall supply paper ballots in the usual form for use in voting. The nominees in the primary election, equal to twice the number of members to be elected to the particular board offices, 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 Prince George's County shall, upon the completion of its canvass of voters at the primary election, determine who are the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective board offices and shall certify them to the board of supervisors of elections of Prince George's County. Any person who has qualified under this section as a candidate for nomination to the Board of Education, and who is required, by virtue of the provisions of this section, to run in a primary election, may on or before 45 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 Prince George's County that he or she desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination. For the special primary election a candidate