

may withdraw his candidacy in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. If the withdrawal of any candidate reduces the nominees to not more than twice the number of members to be elected to a particular office on the board, then the board of supervisors of elections shall certify such remaining candidates as provided by paragraph (2) of this subsection. No person shall be certified as a candidate who is employed by the board.

(c) The board of supervisors of elections of Prince George's County shall provide for the election of members of the Board of Education. Provisions shall be made for use of voting machines, or, in the alternative, for the use of paper ballots under the conditions prescribed in paragraph three of subsection (b) of this section. The names of all candidates who have been duly nominated under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall, except in the case of death, be placed on the ballot. The board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means whereby all registered voters of the county, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for the nominees for the board in the primary election or for the candidates for the board in the general election. The candidate in each district, who receives the largest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected for the respective Board of Education offices.

(d) The Prince George's County executive shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Council, a duly qualified person to assume the candidacy if, after the primary election and before the general election, only one candidate has been certified by the board of elections and that candidate is unable to continue as a candidate for any reason.

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

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(a) (1) A person is eligible for candidacy for election to the Board of Education who:

(i) Obtains the signatures of at least 200 registered voters on a petition that conforms to the requirements for petitions in this article, except that publication of the petition is not required;

(ii) Files the petition with the board of supervisors of elections by 9:00 p.m. on the Monday that is 70 days before the day on which the primary election is held; and

(iii) Pays a \$25 fee.