

vote for said nominees for the county Board of Education at the election held in November for other nominees of the political parties. All voting shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis, and no designation of party affiliation shall be placed upon any petition, for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at said election.]

32-1.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING TO THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO PUBLIC OFFICE SHALL APPLY TO AND GOVERN THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR AN ELECTED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE AND IN TITLE 3 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

32-2.

MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION SHALL BE ELECTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS. CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION SHALL FILE CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY, BE CERTIFIED TO THE BALLOT, APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, BE VOTED UPON, AND BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED WITHOUT PARTY DESIGNATION AND WITHOUT REGARD TO PARTY AFFILIATION. NO PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS OF EDUCATION IF THE PROVISION REQUIRES FOR ITS OPERATION A CONTEST BETWEEN OR THE EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

32-3.

(A) NO INDIVIDUAL MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO A BOARD OF EDUCATION UNLESS THE QUALIFICATIONS THEREFOR IN THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AND THIS ARTICLE ARE SATISFIED. BEFORE CERTIFYING THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE CANDIDATE SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW THEREFOR. EXCEPT IN CHARLES COUNTY, NO INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE BY FILING A PETITION.

(B) NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE BY PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST 200 VOTERS FROM THE COUNTY. EACH PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS OF CHARLES COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 9:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS 10 WEEKS OR 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES IS HELD. A PERSON NOMINATED SHALL BE A QUALIFIED VOTER AND RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY. EACH NOMINEE SHALL PAY A FILING FEE OF \$25 WHEN THE PETITION IS FILED.

32-4.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IN EACH YEAR THAT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF A BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE TO BE ELECTED, CANDIDATES THEREFOR SHALL BE