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~~(b)-(1)--A---candidate---for---public---office---seeking nomination-by-petition-shall-file-a-certificate-of-candidacy NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD at the {time-and} place and in the manner provided in Subtitle 4A of this article and shall comply with all other applicable provisions of the subtitle, in the same manner as candidates for nomination at a primary election.~~

(b) (1) A candidate for public office seeking nomination by petition shall file:

(I) A DECLARATION OF HIS INTENT TO SEEK NOMINATION BY PETITION, IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS, AT THE TIME AND PLACE PROVIDED IN SUBTITLE 4A OF THIS ARTICLE FOR FILING, BY OTHER CANDIDATES, OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY. A CANDIDATE SEEKING NOMINATION BY PETITION MAY NOT BE CHARGED A FEE FOR FILING A DECLARATION OF INTENT. A DECLARATION OF INTENT IS NOT REQUIRED OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ELECTED.

(II) [a] A certificate of candidacy NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD at the [time and] place and in the manner provided in Subtitle 4A of this article and shall comply with all other applicable provisions of the subtitle, in the same manner as candidates for nomination at a primary election.

(c) [(1) A portion of a petition that contains at least one-third of the required total number of signatures of eligible registered voters shall be filed with the appropriate board at the time of the filing of the candidate's certificate of candidacy.]

[(2)] (1) The [remainder of the] petition that contains [the balance of] the required number of signatures shall be filed with the appropriate board by not later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday in August in the year in which the general election is to be held.

[(3)] (2) In the case of a candidate for an office to be filed pursuant to § 22-1(b) of this article, a petition that contains the total required number of signatures shall be filed with the appropriate board [at the time required for the filing of a certificate of candidacy for the office.] NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

(g) (1) The board shall verify all legitimate signatures of persons who are registered voters and who have