

otherwise in this section provided, each such petition shall conform generally to the laws and requirements of this article.

(2) The board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means whereby all duly registered voters of Washington County, irrespective of party affiliation, may 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.]

32-8.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AND GOVERNS THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(B) (1) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE ELECTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS.

(2) CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE BOARD 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.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNLESS THE QUALIFICATIONS IN THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AND THIS ARTICLE ARE SATISFIED. BEFORE CERTIFYING THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE CANDIDATE SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE BY FILING A PETITION.

(D) (1) SUBJECT TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IN EACH YEAR THAT 1 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE TO BE ELECTED, CANDIDATES THEREFOR SHALL BE NOMINATED AT A PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION PROVIDED FOR IN SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) IF, AT ANY TIME AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACIES AND BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES HAVING FILED CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY IN ANY CONTEST DOES NOT EXCEED TWICE THE NUMBER OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED, A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION SHALL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY TO EACH CANDIDATE. THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES AND THE OFFICE SHALL BE OMITTED FROM THE PRIMARY BALLOT.