

CHAPTER 374

(House Bill 240)

AN ACT concerning

Certificates of Candidacy - Time of Filing

FOR the purpose of providing a time for filing certain certificates of candidacy when the filing date occurs on a legal holiday; providing a date for filing certificates of candidacy in a special primary election; and providing a time for filing certificates of candidacy for a special primary election when the filing date occurs on a legal holiday.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 4A-3  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

4A-3.

Except for certificates of candidacy filed by petition or write-in candidates and as otherwise provided herein, certificates of candidacy shall be received and filed in the office of the appropriate board not later than nine p.m. on the Monday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the primary election should be held under the primary election law. IF THE FILING DATE SHOULD OCCUR ON A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE CERTIFICATES MUST BE RECEIVED AND FILED NOT LATER THAN NINE P.M. ON THE NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS DAY WHICH IS NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY. Certificates of candidacy for an office to be filled by a special election pursuant to § 22-1(b) of this article, shall be received and filed in the office of the appropriate board not later than five p.m. on the [day] MONDAY WHICH IS THREE WEEKS OR TWENTY-ONE DAYS PRIOR TO the special primary election WHICH is to be held under the Governor's proclamation setting the date for the special primary election. If the filing date should occur on a legal holiday, the certificates must be received and filed not later than [nine] FIVE p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.