

RULES" MEANS THE NATIONAL PARTY RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS THEY EXIST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION WHICH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDES THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

~~{(1)}-(B)-(1)-IF---THE---DEMOCRATIC---STATE---CENTRAL COMMITTEE--SELECTS--THE--DIRECT--ELECTION--METHOD---OF---DELEGATE SELECTION,--SUCH--DIRECT--ELECTION--SHALL--BE--CONDUCTED--UNDER--THE PROCEDURES--ESTABLISHED--BY--THIS--SUBSECTION-~~

~~(2)~~ (B) (1) Election of District Delegates. The Democratic State central committee shall certify to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws the number of delegates to be elected in a primary election to the national convention from each congressional district.

~~(3)~~ (2) Not later than [ninety (90)] 90 days prior to the primary election, the certification shall be made in accordance with the rules of the national and State Democratic parties.

~~(4)~~ (3) With the written permission of a presidential candidate filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws at least [fifty-three (53)] 53 days prior to the primary election, a candidate [may] SHALL have placed adjacent to his name on the ballot the name of a presidential candidate OR THE WORD "UNCOMMITTED".

[(2)] ~~(5)~~ (4) Election of At-Large Delegates. After the election of the district delegates in accordance with [§ 12-1(a)(1)], those elected district delegates from any national political party shall meet in convention not more than 21 days after that election at a time and place to be designated by the State party chairman who shall act as chairman of the convention. The elected district delegates shall elect, as "At-Large Delegates," the remainder of delegates allotted to Maryland by the respective national party committee and not elected under § 12-1(a)(2). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the Democratic State central committee shall meet in convention not more than twenty-one (21) days after the primary election and shall elect delegates-at-large to the national convention in accordance with party rules.] § 12-2(B)(1), THE PARTY AND ELECTED OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND THE AT-LARGE DELEGATES SHALL BE CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL PARTY RULES.

[(3)] (3) Ex Officio Delegates. The State central committee shall designate ex officio delegates, if any, in accordance with the rules of the national convention.

(4)] ~~(6)~~ (5) Selection of Alternates for Elected Delegates. [The elected delegation to the national party convention shall elect the alternate delegates to the convention.] ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE SELECTED BY PRIMARY--CONVENTION, OR COMMITTEE PROCESSES SUBJECT TO THE NATIONAL PARTY RULES WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES.