

(IV) 1. THE STATE CONVENTION SHALL FILE VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE OFFICE OF DELEGATE TO THE STATE PARTY CONVENTION.

2. VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE OFFICE OF DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SHALL BE FILLED ACCORDING TO NATIONAL PARTY RULES.

(V) THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST VOTE IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FOR THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES APPORTIONED TO THAT DISTRICT SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS, IF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMPRISES MORE THAN ONE COUNTY.

(VI) THE STATE CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTY RULES, NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

(2) THE STATE CONVENTION SHALL ELECT FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES ALLOTTED TO THAT DISTRICT BY THE NATIONAL PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL PARTY RULES.

(3) THE STATE CONVENTION SHALL ELECT THE AT-LARGE DELEGATES ALLOTTED TO MARYLAND BY THE NATIONAL PARTY.

(E) (1) THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL PARTY RULES, A DELEGATE SELECTION SYSTEM THAT USES A COMBINATION OF 2 OR MORE OF THE ABOVE 3 DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESSES.

(2) ANY SUCH COMBINATION SYSTEM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY STATE PARTY RULES AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN THE YEAR IT WILL BE USED AND ANY SUCH COMBINATION SYSTEM SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS AS PRACTICABLE TO OPERATE AS PART OF MARYLAND'S ELECTION SYSTEM.

(F) (C) (1) ANY VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE OCCURRING IN ANY THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILLED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) IF, BECAUSE OF DEATH OR DISABILITY, A DELEGATE IS UNABLE TO SELECT THE ALTERNATE TO TAKE HIS OR HER PLACE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY RULES, THAT SELECTION SHALL BE MADE BY THE DELEGATION IN A MANNER WHICH ASSURES THAT THE ALTERNATE WILL BE OF THE SAME PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (OR UNPLEDGED STATUS) AND, IF POSSIBLE, FROM THE SAME POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND OF THE SAME SEX AS THE DELEGATE REPLACED.

(3) (1) A VACANT ALTERNATE POSITION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE DELEGATION.