

Article - Election Law

4-102.

(f) Unless a new political party is required to hold a primary election to nominate its candidates under Title 8 of this article, the new political party may nominate its candidates [by:

(1) petition in accordance with Title 5 of this article; or

(2) if at least 1% of the State's registered voters, as of January 1 in the year of the election, are affiliated with the political party, convention] in accordance with [rules] THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS adopted by the political party AND SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BOARD.

5-701.

Nominations for public offices that are filled by elections governed by this article shall be made:

(1) by party primary, for candidates of a principal political party; [or]

(2) by petition, for[:

(i) candidates of a political party that does not nominate by primary; or

(ii)] candidates not affiliated with any political party; OR

(3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY, FOR CANDIDATES OF A POLITICAL PARTY THAT DOES NOT NOMINATE BY PARTY PRIMARY.

5-702.

A candidate for public office of a political party shall be nominated in accordance with the requirements of Subtitles 2 through 4 of this title unless the candidate is:

(1) nominated by:

(I) petition under § 5-703 of this subtitle; or

(II) POLITICAL PARTY UNDER § 5-703.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(2) a write-in candidate under § 5-704 of this subtitle.

5-703.

(a) Except for a candidate for a NONPARTISAN county board of education, this section applies to any candidate for public office subject to this title.

(b) A candidate for a public office may be nominated by petition under this subtitle if the candidate [does] IS not [seek nomination] AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY [through a party primary].