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(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 A POLITICAL PARTY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE POLITICAL PARTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOMINATE ITS CANDIDATES BY PARTY PRIMARY.

(C) (1) A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHO SEEKS POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO SEEK POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATION.

(2) THE DECLARATION OF INTENT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD AT WHICH THE CANDIDATE FILES A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

(3) THE DECLARATION OF INTENT SHALL BE FILED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED, BY THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED FOR A CANDIDATE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY;

(II) IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY ARE ELECTED, BY JULY 1; AND

(III) FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY:

1. FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, BY THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION FOR A CANDIDATE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY; OR

2. FOR A LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICE, BY THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED IN THE COUNTY PROCLAMATION FOR A CANDIDATE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.

(4) A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY POLITICAL PARTY MAY NOT BE CHARGED A FEE FOR FILING THE DECLARATION OF INTENT.

(D) (1) A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY POLITICAL PARTY SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE.

(2) EXCEPT FOR THE TIME OF FILING, THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY POLITICAL PARTY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION BY POLITICAL PARTY MAY NOT HAVE THE CANDIDATE'S NAME PLACED ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT UNLESS THE