

office to be filled at a general [election,] ELECTION is a political committee for the purposes of this article. The person promoted for public office under the above circumstances is a "write-in candidate."

(b) A write-in candidate is required to file a certificate of candidacy for election. The certificate shall be filed with the same agency as if the write-in candidate were filing for office under § 4A-2 of this article.

(c) The certificate of candidacy for election of a write-in candidate shall be filed no later than 7 days after a total expenditure of \$51 is made in his behalf by the committee promoting his candidacy, but shall not be filed after noon on the second Tuesday preceding the day of the election for which filed.

5-1.

(a) Any political party with which ten per centum or more of the registered voters of this State are affiliated, as shown by the most recent statement of registration of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws compiled pursuant to § 3-9A(b) of this [article] ARTICLE, shall at the next succeeding primary election conducted under the provisions of this subtitle: (1) nominate all its candidates for public office; (2) elect all members of the local central committees in said political party; and (3) elect the appropriate number of delegates to a national convention as provided in this article. The several boards shall not print on the official ballot to be voted at any general or special election to be hereafter held the name or names of any such candidate or candidates for election in Baltimore City or any of the counties of the State of any of said parties who shall not be so nominated and whose nomination shall not be certified to them or to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws as having been so nominated.

6-7.

(b) Except as provided in [subparagraph] SUBSECTION (c) OF THIS SECTION, if either of the candidates of a Governor-Lieutenant Governor unit nominated by petition under the terms of § 7-1 of this article dies or withdraws or becomes disqualified after the filing deadline, the remaining candidate, prior to the sixth day after the death, withdrawal, or disqualification, may either designate another as the successor candidate for the vacancy thus created or, in the alternative, designate himself as the successor candidate and designate a successor candidate for the vacancy resulting from his succession to the initial vacancy. Under either alternative, the names shall be listed jointly on the ballot.

7-1.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for a candidate for a county board of education, a candidate for any public office who