is registered as an independent or who is a member of or affiliated with a partisan organization which is not a political party as defined in this article or who is not a member of a political party whose nominees must be nominated by means of primary [elections,] ELECTIONS may be nominated by petition, as in this section provided.

7-2.

As to any petition under this subtitle, it is unlawful for any person to:

(1) Refer to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws or a local [board,] BOARD a petition to which is attached, appended, or subscribed any signature which the person knows to be false or fraudulent or not the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition or of the person whose name is attached, appended, or subscribed to the petition;

7-3.

With respect to §§ 7-1 and [7-2,] 7-2 of this subtitle, each violation is a separate offense and a misdemeanor, punishable under the penalties provided in § 24-27 of this article.

9-1.

(a) (3) The name of any person who files a certificate of candidacy, is opposed, and does not withdraw shall appear on the ballot unless he dies or is disqualified and his death or disqualification is known to the [Board] BOARD with which the certificate of candidacy was filed on or before the seventh day prior to the filing deadline. These provisions do not apply to the offices of Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

11-2.

(b) For parties required to select nominees at a primary election, the central committee for the counties or Baltimore City shall be selected as provided in this article. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the central committee for any county or Baltimore City shall consist of the number of persons elected from each county and legislative district of Baltimore City as determined by party constitution. Any person elected to serve as a member of a party central committee shall be a resident of the county or Baltimore City, as the case may be, in which that central committee is located. Upon relinquishing his residency within that county or Baltimore City a member of a party central committee shall be considered to have resigned. Any vacancy in the party central committee for any county or legislative district of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel or Baltimore [counties] COUNTY shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee elected from that county or legislative district of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, or Baltimore [counties] COUNTY. However, any person selected to fill a vacancy in a party central