

and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files such a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to § 4A-7 of this article.

(2) Board offices shall be open and certificates of withdrawal of candidacy shall be accepted until 5 p.m. on the last day for withdrawing.

(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 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.

(c) (1) Any person nominated for public office as in this article provided may decline such nomination by notifying the officer with whom the certificate nominating him is required to be filed that he declines such nomination. The statement of declination shall be in writing, signed by the person nominated and acknowledged before a notary public or any person empowered to take oaths, and must reach the aforementioned officer by the following deadline: for a nomination to candidacy in an election in the year in which the Governor is elected, within ten days after the date of the primary election; FOR NOMINATION TO CANDIDACY IN AN ELECTION IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE IS ELECTED, WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION; for a nomination to candidacy in an election in the year in which electors for President of the United States are elected, at least 70 days before the general election. If the person nominated shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph for declining nomination, such nomination shall be void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots.

(2) Board offices shall be open, and certificates of declination of candidacy shall be accepted until 5 p.m., on the last day for declining.

(3) The name of any person nominated for public office shall appear on the ballot unless he declines the nomination, dies, or is disqualified, and a certificate of nomination to fill the vacancy so created is timely filed. These provisions do not apply to the offices of Governor or Lieutenant Governor.