

Article - Election Law

5-303.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a certificate of candidacy shall be filed [as follows:

(1) for candidates for offices other than delegate to the Democratic National Convention.] not later than ~~9~~ 9 p.m. on the Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days before the day on which the primary election will be held[; and

(2) for candidates for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, between 9 a.m. on the first regular business day of the year in which the President of the United States is elected and 5 p.m. on the day that is 1 week later than that day].

5-502.

(a) Subject to § 5-402 of this title, an individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy may withdraw the candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal on the form prescribed by the State Board within 10 days after the filing date established under § 5-303 of this title.

(b) [An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy and a petition in accordance with § 8-502(d) of this article, or a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention subject to § 5-303(a)(2) of this title, may withdraw the candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal on the form prescribed by the State Board within 4 days after the filing date established under § 5-303 of this title.

(c) An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for the special election to fill a vacancy for Representative in Congress may withdraw the certificate on the prescribed form within 2 days after the filing date established in the proclamation issued by the Governor.

8-201.

(a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered year.

(2) A primary election shall be held:

(i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September; and