Section 5-3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1.  BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### Article 33 – Election Code

5-3.

(a)   Primary elections shall be held and conducted and determined in the manner and form provided by this article for general elections and subject to all regulations, requirements and provisions as prescribed by this article for general elections, insofar as the same are or may be applicable to primary elections, except as may be herein otherwise provided.

(b)   Not less than 30 days before any primary election, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall certify to the board of each county and of Baltimore City, the name, party affiliation and residence, as specified in the certificates of candidacy, of those candidates filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, qualified to appear on the primary election ballot and for whom the voters are, by law, entitled to cast their ballots.

(c)   Certification of candidates for a special primary election called pursuant to Section 22-1(b) of this article shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 22-1(c)(1) of this article.

(d)   The ballots in such election shall be cast, counted and canvassed, and the result of the election announced and certified as now provided in this article for general elections held hereunder.

(e)   Whenever only one candidate of [any such] A political party for [such] A public office or position has [so] qualified to [have his name so placed upon] APPEAR ON the official primary election ballot at the expiration of the time allowed, [his] THE CANDIDATE'S name and the name of the position for which [he] THE INDIVIDUAL is a candidate shall be [omitted from the said] PLACED ON THE official ballot[, so that the official ballot of such political party shall contain only the names of such candidates for positions, offices, or delegates where there are qualified contestants for such positions] WITH THE WORD "UNOPPOSED" PLACED NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME. A VOTING SYSTEM MAY NOT SHALL ALLOW FOR VOTES TO BE CAST FOR AN UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION.

(f)   There shall be no names of candidates written in at primary elections.

SECTION 2.   AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.