

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section ~~4A-3(a)~~, 5-2(a), 12-2(b)(4) and (c), ~~12-3~~, ~~12-1(a)~~, ~~12-4(b)~~, and 12-6(a)

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

Article 33 – Election Code

4A-3.

(a) (1) Except for certificates of candidacy filed by petition or write-in candidates and as otherwise provided herein, certificates of candidacy shall be received and filed in the office of the appropriate board{:

(i) For candidates for offices other than delegate to the Democratic national convention,} not later than 9 p.m. on the Monday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the primary election should be held under the primary election law.

{(ii) 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 9 p.m. on the day which is one week later than that first regular business day.}

(2) If the filing date should occur on a legal holiday, the certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.

5-2.

(a) The primary elections by the political parties for candidates for State offices and central committee shall be held throughout this State on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September. The primary elections by the political parties in each year in which a national convention is held for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President shall be held throughout this State on the ~~second~~ FIRST Tuesday in ~~{March}~~ MAY. A special primary election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress shall be held on such date as the Governor shall specify pursuant to § 22-1(b) of this article.