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(a) The total number of delegates and alternate delegates to represent the respective political parties at their respective national conventions shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body of each party and certified to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws not later than the first day of ~~January~~ MARCH in each year in which national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President are held.

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(b) (4) After the election of the district delegates in accordance with § 12-2(b)(1), the PLEDGED party and elected official delegates and the at-large delegates shall be chosen according to the DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH national party rules.

(c) [(1)] Any vacancy in the position of delegate or alternate delegate occurring in the delegate selection process established by this section shall be filled [as provided in this subsection] IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL PARTY RULES.

[(2) If, because of death or disability, a delegate is unable to select the alternate to take his or her place under the provisions of the national party rules, that selection shall be made by the delegation in a manner which assures that the alternate will be of the same presidential preference (or unpledged status) and, if possible, from the same political subdivision and of the same sex as the delegate replaced.

(3) (i) A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation.

(ii) The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or unpledged status), from the same political subdivision, and of the same sex as the alternate being replaced.]

12-3.

(a) [(1) If a presidential primary election for the Democratic party is required by this article, unless national party rules require otherwise, the results of the election shall be advisory.

(2) If national party rules require special recognition of presidential preference primary results, the State convention and the Maryland delegates to the national convention shall comply with those rules.] THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY SHALL USE A PRIMARY ELECTION TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION SHALL HAVE SUCH EFFECT, IF ANY, ON THE ALLOCATION OF PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL OR AT-LARGE DELEGATE POSITIONS, AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY.