

(b) (1) Delegates elected to the Democratic national convention, either uncommitted or pledged to a presidential candidate, shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.

(2) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, delegates elected to the Democratic national convention shall vote in accordance with party rules.

12-4.

(b) The Republican State central committee shall certify to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws the number of delegates to be elected from each congressional district and the number of delegates to be elected at large, respectively, as provided in the rules of the Republican national convention, 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.

12-6.

(a) Whenever a party uses a primary election to nominate a candidate for President of the United States, any person who desires to run in the primary election may become a candidate for nomination only:

(1) By direction of the Secretary of State who shall place the name of [a] THE candidate ~~{for the Democratic party nomination}~~ on the ballot ~~{on the first regular business day in the year in which the President is elected and the name of a candidate for nomination by any other party on the ballot}~~ no sooner than 90 days nor later than 70 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election. The Secretary shall place the name of a presidential candidate on the ballot when [he] THE SECRETARY has determined in [his] THE SECRETARY'S sole discretion that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in the news media throughout the United States or in Maryland, in accordance with the national party rules, unless the candidate executes and files with the Secretary of State an affidavit stating without qualification that he is not and does not intend to become a candidate for the office in the Maryland primary election; or

(2) By making the payment required and by filing with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws a petition in the form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws which shall contain the signatures of not less than 400 of the registered voters within each congressional district. ~~{For candidates for the nomination of the Democratic party, the payment and filing must be made not later than 9 p.m. on the day which is one week later than the first regular business day of the year in which the President of the United States is elected. For candidates for the nomination of any other party, the}~~ THE payment and filing must be made at least 70 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election. Nothing in this section shall require compliance with § 7-1 of this article.

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