

MEETING UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SHALL PRESIDE AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE MEETING UNTIL PARTY OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

(F) NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

UNLESS A NEW POLITICAL PARTY IS REQUIRED TO HOLD A PRIMARY ELECTION TO NOMINATE ITS CANDIDATES UNDER TITLE 8 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE NEW POLITICAL PARTY SHALL NOMINATE ITS CANDIDATES BY PETITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4-103. LOSS OF STATUS AS A POLITICAL PARTY.

(A) RETENTION OF STATUS.

IN ORDER FOR A PARTISAN ORGANIZATION TO RETAIN ITS STATUS AS A POLITICAL PARTY UNDER THIS ARTICLE, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION THAT FOLLOWS THE FIRST ONE IN WHICH THE PARTISAN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES AS A POLITICAL PARTY AND IN EACH ELECTION THEREAFTER:

(1) THE POLITICAL PARTY MUST CHOOSE A NOMINEE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT AS THE NOMINEE FOR THAT POLITICAL PARTY FOR THE HIGHEST OFFICE ON THE BALLOT; AND

(2) THE NOMINEE MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST 3% OF THE TOTAL VOTE CAST FOR THAT OFFICE.

(B) NOTIFICATION BY STATE BOARD.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE STATE CHAIRMAN OF A GROUP THAT LOSES ITS STATUS AS A POLITICAL PARTY.

(C) EFFECT OF LOSS OF STATUS.

A GROUP THAT LOSES ITS STATUS AS A POLITICAL PARTY MAY REGAIN THAT STATUS ONLY BY COMPLYING WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING AS A NEW PARTY UNDER § 4-101 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SUBTITLE 2. POLITICAL PARTY GOVERNING BODIES.

4-201. POLITICAL PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES.

(A) GENERALLY.

EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL HAVE A STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE THAT:

(1) IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POLITICAL PARTY; AND

(2) MAY BE COMPOSED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTIES DURING THEIR TERMS IN OFFICE.

(B) SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

(1) A PARTY'S STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT THE CHAIRMAN OR CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.