

(1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT BY A POLITICAL PARTY OF A CONSTITUTION, BYLAW, OR RULE, THE POLITICAL PARTY SHALL FILE A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAW, OR RULE WITH THE STATE BOARD.

(2) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT BY A CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF ANY COUNTY OF A CONSTITUTION, BYLAW, OR RULE, THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL FILE A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAW, OR RULE WITH THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE STATE BOARD.

(E) NEW POLITICAL PARTIES:

(1) THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ADOPTED BY A NEW POLITICAL PARTY SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY DECIDES TO FORM LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEES, THE POLITICAL PARTY SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEES WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THE STATE BOARD NOTIFIED THE POLITICAL PARTY THAT IT IS CONSIDERED A STATE POLITICAL PARTY.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: As revised, § 4-203 would apply to all parties except where otherwise specified. The change was made in conjunction with the changes in Title 4, Subtitle 1 regarding new parties and the adoption of a constitution and bylaws.

4-205. PROHIBITED PRACTICES.

(A) PROHIBITION ON INCORPORATION.

A POLITICAL PARTY IN THE STATE MAY NOT INCORPORATE UNDER THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE PROVIDING FOR THE FORMATION OF A CORPORATION.

(B) EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OF PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

UNLESS IT IS THE PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AN ORGANIZATION MAY NOT REPRESENT THAT IT IS THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNING BODY OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN TITLE 16 OF THIS ARTICLE.

TITLE 5. CANDIDATES.

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5-101. IN GENERAL.

(A) APPLICABILITY.