

THIS SUBTITLE GOVERNS THE PROCESS BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL BECOMES A CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE IN AN ELECTION GOVERNED BY THIS ARTICLE.

(B) COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.

AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME MAY NOT BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AND SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE.

SUBTITLE 2. QUALIFICATIONS.

5-201. IN GENERAL.

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL SATISFIES THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THAT OFFICE ESTABLISHED BY LAW AND, IN THE CASE OF A PARTY OFFICE, BY PARTY CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS.

5-202. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER AT AN ADDRESS THAT SATISFIES ANY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR THE OFFICE THAT IS IMPOSED BY LAW AND, IN THE CASE OF A PARTY OFFICE, BY PARTY RULES.

5-203. VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTY AFFILIATION.

(A) VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

(1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CANDIDATE FOR:

- (I) PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;
- (II) REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; OR
- (III) ANY FEDERAL OFFICE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY PETITION.

(2) UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS A REGISTERED VOTER AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR:

- (I) AN OFFICE OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY; OR
- (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, NOMINATION BY THAT POLITICAL PARTY.

(B) PARTY AFFILIATION - EXCEPTION FOR JUDICIAL AND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTY AFFILIATION SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A CANDIDATE FOR:

- (1) A JUDICIAL OFFICE; OR
- (2) A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.