

5-703. NOMINATION BY PETITION.

(A) SCOPE.

EXCEPT FOR A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE SUBJECT TO THIS TITLE.

(B) IN GENERAL.

A CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE MAY BE NOMINATED BY PETITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE CANDIDATE DOES NOT SEEK NOMINATION THROUGH A PARTY PRIMARY.

(C) DECLARATION OF INTENT.

(1) A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY PETITION SHALL FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO SEEK NOMINATION BY PETITION.

(2) THE DECLARATION OF INTENT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD AT WHICH THE CANDIDATE FILES A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

(3) THE DECLARATION OF INTENT SHALL BE FILED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED, BY THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED FOR A CANDIDATE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY;

(II) IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS ELECTED, BY JULY 1;
AND

(III) FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, BY THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED FOR A CANDIDATE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

(4) A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY PETITION MAY NOT BE CHARGED A FEE FOR FILING THE DECLARATION OF INTENT.

(D) CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.

(1) A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY PETITION SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE.

(2) EXCEPT FOR THE TIME OF FILING, THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS NOMINATION BY PETITION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIREMENTS.