

(II) PROVISIONS FOR PLACING ON THE BALLOT THE NAME OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, OR THE WORD "UNCOMMITTED", ADJACENT TO THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE; AND

(III) ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY RULES OF THE PARTY THAT RELATE TO THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES OR ALTERNATE DELEGATES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: Provisions of the former law relating to the selection process for delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions have been eliminated. The parties will provide the necessary information to the State Board under this section, and any changes in a party's process would not need a statutory change.

8-502. CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT - PRIMARY ELECTION.

(A) APPLICABILITY.

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION BY PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(B) PROCEDURE.

AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DESIRES TO RUN IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION MAY BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT ONLY:

(1) BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(2) BY FILING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A PETITION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST 400 REGISTERED VOTERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE.

(C) SELECTION BY SECRETARY OF STATE.

(1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CERTIFY TO THE STATE BOARD THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION BY A PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 90 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND ENDING 70 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

(II) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CERTIFY TO THE STATE BOARD THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOMINATION ON THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION.

(2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CERTIFY THE NAME OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT WHEN THE SECRETARY HAS DETERMINED, IN THE SECRETARY'S SOLE DISCRETION AND CONSISTENT WITH PARTY RULES, THAT THE CANDIDATE'S CANDIDACY IS GENERALLY ADVOCATED OR RECOGNIZED IN THE NEWS MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OR IN MARYLAND, UNLESS THE CANDIDATE EXECUTES AND FILES WITH THE SECRETARY