

OF STATE AN AFFIDAVIT STATING WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THAT HE OR SHE IS NOT AND DOES NOT INTEND TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE IN THE MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION.

(D) PETITION PROCESS.

(1) A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT BY THE PETITION PROCESS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL FILE THE PETITION, IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD, AS FOLLOWS:

(I) FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, NOT LATER THAN 9 P.M. ON THE DAY THAT IS 1 WEEK LATER THAN THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION; AND

(II) FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE NOMINATION OF ANY OTHER PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY, AT LEAST 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.

(2) A PETITION FILED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 4 OR TITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - PREFERENCE FOR "UNCOMMITTED".

THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY THROUGH WHICH VOTES MAY BE CAST AS UNCOMMITTED TO ANY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

(F) CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT QUALIFYING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CERTIFIED TO THE LOCAL BOARDS BY THE STATE BOARD AND SHALL BE PRINTED ON ALL BALLOTS USED FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

8-503. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS - NOMINATION.

(A) NOMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTY RULES.

EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL NOMINATE OR PROVIDE FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR OF THE PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTY RULES.

(B) NUMBER OF NOMINEES.

THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE THE NUMBER THAT THIS STATE IS ENTITLED TO ELECT.

(C) CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE BOARD.

(1) THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED AS CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR BY A POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE CERTIFIED TO THE STATE BOARD BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY.

(2) THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED AS CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR BY A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES