

WHO IS NOMINATED BY PETITION SHALL BE CERTIFIED TO THE STATE BOARD BY THE CANDIDATE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD.

8-504. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS - ELECTION.

(A) GENERALLY.

AT THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THERE SHALL BE ELECTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE NUMBER OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS TO WHICH THIS STATE IS ENTITLED. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE STATE.

(B) NAMES OF ELECTORS NOT ON BALLOT.

THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR MAY NOT BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT. A VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF A POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AND COUNTED AS A VOTE FOR EACH OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-503 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

8-505. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS - MEETING.

(A) TIME AND PLACE.

THE INDIVIDUALS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL MEET IN THE STATE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS ON THE DAY PROVIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL LAW.

(B) VACANCIES.

(1) BEFORE PROCEEDING TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THEIR OFFICE, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS WHO ARE PRESENT SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF ELECTOR, WHETHER THE VACANCY IS CAUSED BY ABSENCE OR OTHER REASON.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY IS ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DULY ELECTED ELECTORS.

(C) VOTING BY ELECTORS.

AFTER TAKING THE OATH PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS OR, IN THE CLERK'S ABSENCE, BEFORE ONE OF THE CLERK'S DEPUTIES, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS SHALL CAST THEIR VOTES FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT WHO RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.