

CANDIDATES OF THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY, FOLLOWED BY THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES OF OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES IN DESCENDING ORDER BASED ON THE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION OF THE PARTY, AND FINALLY BY CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT NOMINEES OF A POLITICAL PARTY.

(3) IN BOTH PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHEN THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO AN OFFICE, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE GROUP SHALL BE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SURNAME. IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE ARRANGED IN THE ORDER OF SURNAMES OF THE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES.

(K) ARRANGEMENT OF VOTING MACHINE BALLOT - COMPACTNESS.

ON A VOTING MACHINE BALLOT, THE ARRANGEMENT SHALL USE THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF ROWS OR COLUMNS NECESSARY, AS EVENLY SIZED AS POSSIBLE, TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OFFICES AND CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT.

9-211. ARRANGEMENT OF BALLOTS - QUESTIONS.

(A) ORDER OF QUESTIONS.

QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

(1) THOSE RELATING TO THE CREATION OR ADOPTION OF A NEW STATE CONSTITUTION;

(2) THOSE PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION;

(3) THOSE RELATING TO OTHER ENACTMENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(4) THOSE RELATING TO THE CREATION OR ADOPTION OF, OR THE AMENDMENT OR OTHER CHANGE IN, THE CHARTER OF A COUNTY;

(5) THOSE RELATING TO OTHER ENACTMENTS BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY; AND

(6) OTHER QUESTIONS.

(B) QUESTIONS CERTIFIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CERTIFY THE FORM OF STATEWIDE QUESTIONS, AND ANY QUESTION RELATING TO AN ENACTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) LOCAL QUESTIONS.

THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL CERTIFY THE FORM OF A QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY VOTERS IN A SINGLE COUNTY, OTHER THAN A QUESTION PURSUANT TO AN ENACTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE.