

as to first and second choice or similar relative preference and except as herein otherwise further provided.

The candidate for the nomination for President who shall receive the highest number of votes lawfully cast and counted in the primary elections of his party in any county and in any legislative district in the State convention of such party held to select delegates to the national convention of such party, and the votes cast in each such primary election in each county and legislative district of Baltimore City shall be canvassed and certified by the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections in Baltimore City and in the several counties of the State in such manner as plainly to indicate which candidate for President in said several and respective counties and legislative districts received the highest number of votes therein; and the tally sheets and the returns and the certificates thereof shall be made out accordingly so as to indicate plainly such results of said election in each of said counties and legislative districts and not in the manner required by Section 241 of this sub-title with respect to the votes for first and second choice and the tallies, returns and certificates of such first and second choice in the nomination of candidates for Governor and other State offices.¹

The several delegations from each county and legislative district in the State shall be required to cast their votes on each and every ballot in the State convention with respect to the instruction and the votes in the national convention of the delegates sent from Maryland by such State convention to the national convention for President in accordance with the instructions received from the voters in each of the several counties and legislative districts as certified in their credentials by the respective Supervisors of Elections of said counties and legislative districts, respectively, and such delegates from each of said counties and legislative districts shall continue so to vote in the State convention for the choice of their several counties and legislative districts as aforesaid, as long as in their conscientious judgment there is any possibility of said choice obtaining a majority of the votes of the State convention and as long as said choice is voted for by the delegates of any nine counties of Maryland in said convention, any legislative district of Baltimore City to be taken and considered for such purpose as the equivalent of a County.

After taking such number of ballots in said State convention as may be necessary to show or ascertain a majority of said entire State convention for any one candidate for President the chairman of said convention shall announce that the person so receiving such majority of the votes of all the delegates in said State convention for President has been chosen by the voters of the party holding such State convention of the State of Maryland as their choice for candidate for President in the national convention for such political party, and all the delegates of such party selected by such State convention to the national convention of such party from the State of Maryland shall be instructed and bound to vote as a unit in the national convention for such candidate for President so selected as the choice of the State of Maryland as aforesaid, and such delegates shall continue to vote in such national convention for the choice of the State of Maryland, as aforesaid, for President as long as in their conscientious judgment there is any possibility of his being nominated.

The delegates from the several counties of the State and legislative districts of Baltimore City to the State convention held to select and deputize

¹ First and second choice voting eliminated by ch. 201, Acts of 1939 (Sec. 241).