

national party committee. Each delegate may have placed adjacent to his name on the ballot the name of a presidential candidate, provided that the written permission of the presidential candidate has been received by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws at least 53 days prior to the date of the primary election.] [[THERE SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AS PROVIDED IN THE RULES OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES' NATIONAL CONVENTION AND AS CERTIFIED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH PARTY. EACH DELEGATE MAY HAVE PLACED ADJACENT TO HIS NAME ON THE BALLOT THE NAME OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, PROVIDED THAT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS AT LEAST 53 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION.]] THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL CERTIFY TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED IN A PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL AND STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILED WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS AT LEAST FIFTY-THREE (53) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION, A CANDIDATE MAY HAVE PLACED ADJACENT TO HIS NAME ON THE BALLOT THE NAME OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

(2) Election of At-Large Delegates. After the election of the district delegates in accordance with § 12-1 (a) (1), those elected district delegates from any national political party shall meet in convention not more than 21 days after that election at a time and place to be designated by the State Party chairman who shall act as chairman of the convention. The elected district delegates shall elect, as "At-Large Delegates," the remainder of delegates allotted to Maryland by the respective national party committee and not elected under § 12-1 (a) (2). NOTWITHSTANDING THE AFOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL MEET IN CONVENTION NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND SHALL ELECT DELEGATES-AT-LARGE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTY RULES.

(3) Ex Officio Delegates.

[(i) The Governor of the State shall be an ex officio delegate to the national party convention of the party upon whose ticket he ran in the last preceding gubernatorial election.