

Sections 7-1(e) through (m), inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

7-1.

(E) ANY PAPER WHICH IS TO FORM A PART OF A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE IN WHICH THE SIGNERS ON THE PAPER ARE ALLEGED TO RESIDE. THE BOARD SHALL GIVE TO ANYONE SUBMITTING ANY SUCH PAPER A SIGNED RECEIPT STATING THAT THE PAPER IS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD.

(F) (1) ON ANY PETITION OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY THE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE STATE OF ANY DIVISION OF A GREATER EXTENT THAN ONE COUNTY, THE SEVERAL BOARDS IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE SIGNERS ARE ALLEGED TO BE REGISTERED VOTERS SHALL VERIFY ALL LEGITIMATE SIGNATURES OF PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS.

(2) ON ANY PETITION OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY SOME OR ALL OF THE VOTERS OF ONE COUNTY OR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, THE BOARD SHALL VERIFY [[A NUMBER OF]] ANY LEGITIMATE SIGNATURES, OF PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE, UP TO A NUMBER EQUAL TO 110 PERCENT OF THOSE REQUIRED FOR NOMINATION TO THE OFFICE SOUGHT, AND THE BOARD MAY VERIFY SUCH ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES AS IT DEEMS ADVISABLE.

(G) ON ANY PETITION, INCLUDING AN ASSOCIATION OR INCLUDED SET OF PETITIONS, SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD, ANY QUESTION CONCERNING THE INVALIDITY OF THE SIGNATURE OF ANY PERSON ON THE PETITION AFFECTS THAT SIGNATURE ONLY AND DOES NOT AFFECT OR IMPAIR ANY OTHER PORTION OF THE PETITION OR PETITIONS.

(H) FOLLOWING THE VERIFICATION, A DULY AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD SHALL ENDORSE ON EACH PAPER THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES VERIFIED BY THE EMPLOYEE AND SHALL ENDORSE AND SIGN THE PAPER. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ENDORSEMENT, EACH PAPER SHALL CONTAIN A BLANK SPACE FOR THE ENDORSEMENT.

(I) THE PAPERS SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE BOARDS NOT LATER THAN 9:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS TEN WEEKS OR 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE PRIMARY ELECTION SHOULD BE HELD UNDER THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW, OR, IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR AN OFFICE TO BE FILLED PURSUANT TO § 22-1(B) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE PAPERS SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE BOARDS NOT LATER THAN 9:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS THREE WEEKS OR 21 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS TO BE HELD UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION SETTING THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.