

(A) Any political party with which ten per centum or more of the registered voters of this State are affiliated, as shown by the most recent statement of registration of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws compiled pursuant to § 3-9A(b) of this article shall at the next succeeding primary election conducted under the provisions of this subtitle: (1) nominate all its candidates for public office; (2) elect all members of the local central committees in said political party; and (3) elect the appropriate number of delegates to a national convention as provided in this article. The several boards shall not print on the official ballot to be voted at any general or special election to be hereafter held the name or names of any such candidate or candidates for election in Baltimore City or any of the counties of the State of any of said parties who shall not be so nominated and whose nomination shall not be certified to them or to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws as having been so nominated.

(B) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT A POLITICAL PARTY IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS TO SELECT DELEGATES TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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(a) The total number of delegates and alternate delegates to represent the respective political parties at their respective national conventions shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body of each party and certified to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws not later than the first day of March in each year in which national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President are held. The selection of delegates shall be as follows:

(6) (I) IF A POLITICAL PARTY CHOOSES NOT TO ELECT DELEGATES TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION BY MEANS OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SUBSECTIONS 12-1(A)(1) THROUGH 12-1(A)(5) DO NOT APPLY; AND DISTRICT DELEGATES SHALL BE NOMINATED AT A POST-PRESIDENTIAL-PRIMARY--CAUCUS--IN--ACCORDANCE--WITH--THE LAWFUL----RULES----OF----THE----STATE---CENTRAL---COMMITTEE- POST-PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DISTRICT CAUCUSES TO BE CALLED BY THE PARTY CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

~~(II)--AFTER---SELECTION---OF--THE--DISTRICT DELEGATES,--THE--DISTRICT--DELEGATES,--A--STATE--CONVENTION,--OR THE--STATE--CENTRAL--COMMITTEE--SHALL--ELECT--AT--LARGE--DELEGATES IN--ACCORDANCE--WITH--THE--LAWFUL--RULES--OF--THE--STATE--CENTRAL COMMITTEE.~~

(II) IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE ELIGIBILITY OF DELEGATES FOR ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTIONS, THE CAUCUSES AND THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE GUIDED BY NATIONAL PARTY RULES IN THEIR DELEGATE SELECTION PROCEDURES.