

(III) AFTER SELECTION OF THE DISTRICT DELEGATES THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT AT-LARGE DELEGATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

(C) AFTER THE PRIMARY EACH DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES A NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF THE VOTES ATTAINED IN THAT DISTRICT. THESE DISTRICT DELEGATES SHALL VOTE FOR THIS CANDIDATE ON THE FIRST BALLOT TAKEN AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION. EACH DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES A NUMBER OF AT-LARGE DELEGATES BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL VOTE ATTAINED STATEWIDE IN THE MARYLAND PRIMARY. THESE AT-LARGE DELEGATES SHALL VOTE FOR THIS CANDIDATE ON THE FIRST BALLOT TAKEN AT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTES TABULATED AS UNCOMMITTED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, A NUMBER OF DISTRICT DELEGATES AND AT-LARGE DELEGATES ALSO MAY GO TO THE CONVENTION AS UNCOMMITTED TO ANY CANDIDATE.

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(a) [Any person who is a candidate for the nomination of a party which must nominate candidates for State public office by means of primary elections under the provisions of this article, for the office of President of the United States, and who desires to obtain the vote of the delegates from Maryland of the party in its national convention, may become a candidate for nomination in primary elections to be held in accordance with the provisions of this article] WHENEVER A PARTY USES A PRIMARY ELECTION TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ANY PERSON WHO DESIRES TO RUN IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION MAY BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION only:

(1) By direction of the Secretary of State who shall place the name of the candidate upon the ballot no sooner than 70 days nor later than [53] ~~30~~ 40 53 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election when he has determined in his sole discretion that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in ~~national~~ THE news media throughout the United States OR IN MARYLAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL PARTY RULES, unless the candidate executes and files with the Secretary of State an affidavit stating without qualification that he is not and does not intend to become a candidate for the office [at the forthcoming election] IN THE MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION;

(2) By making the payment required and by filing with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, a petition in the form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws which shall contain the signatures of not less than 400 of the registered voters within each congressional district, at least 53 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election. Nothing in this section shall require compliance with § 7-1.