

## Bills and Messages

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Senate Bill No. 9

AN ACT concerning

## Presidential Primary Election - Candidates

FOR the purpose of altering the method by which the names of candidates for President of the United States are placed on the primary election ballot; ~~deleting provisions--for--the--designation--of--presidential candidates--by--the--Secretary--of--State,~~ and relating generally to candidates in the presidential primary election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 12-2(a)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

## Article 33 - Election Code

12-2.

(a) ~~(1)~~ 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 IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION only :~~(1) BY FILING WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS, NOT LATER THAN 53 DAYS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE FOLLOWING:~~

~~-(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 days preceding~~ LATER THAN 70 DAYS BEFORE 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 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 in the Maryland primary election; ]