

contain the names of persons residing only in one county or only in the City of Baltimore. Each signer shall append to his signature his residence, the date of signing and the name of the county or city where he is registered as a voter, and immediately below the signature of any signer there shall be either printed or typed the name of the signer. Every paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits which state that the signers, to the best knowledge and belief of the affiant or affiants, are registered voters of the county or city as set forth in the petition and that the affiant or affiants witnessed the application of each signature to the paper on the date noted opposite his signature. THE AFFIANT OR AFFIANTS SHALL BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. The affidavits shall be signed under penalty of perjury.

(d) All papers containing signatures which are appended to a petition for formation of a political party [which] shall BE SORTED BY COUNTY AND be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws[,]. ALL PETITION PAPERS shall be submitted by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to the board for the county or the City of Baltimore in which the signers on the paper are alleged to reside, within fifteen days after the receipt of the petition and appended papers by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. It shall be the duty of the several boards in the jurisdiction in which the signers are alleged to be registered voters to verify the number of legitimate signatures of persons who are registered voters. On any petition submitted to the board any question concerning the invalidity of the signature of any person on the petition shall affect that signature only and shall not affect or impair any other portion of the petition. 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. After verification and endorsement as herein required, which shall be completed within fifteen days after receipt of the papers by the board, all papers delivered to the board pursuant to this subsection shall be mailed or returned to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. If the total required number of signatures is properly appended to the petition for formation of a political party, and the petition is otherwise in proper form and meets all of the requirements of this section, the party shall be promptly notified. Upon the filing of an interim constitution and bylaws with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws in the manner and within the time hereinafter provided, the political party designated in the petition shall be considered a political party for the purposes of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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