

be held under the primary election law. *Certificates of candidacy for an office to be filled by a special election pursuant to Section 22-1 (b) of this Article, shall be received and filed in the office of the appropriate board not later than nine p.m. on the Monday which is three weeks or twenty-one 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. If [this] the filing date should occur on a legal holiday, the certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next regular business day which is not a legal holiday.*

5-1.

Any political party which at the general election next preceding any primary or special primary election to be held hereunder, shall have polled ten per centum or more of the entire vote cast in the State shall nominate (1) all its candidates for public office; and (2) all members of the State and local central committees in said political party by means of primary or special primary elections conducted under the provisions of the subtitle; and shall 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 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.

5-2.

(a) The primary elections by the political parties for candidates for State offices and State central committee [;] shall be held throughout this State on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September. The primary elections by the political parties in each year in which a national convention is held for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President shall be held throughout this State on the third Tuesday in May. A special primary election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress shall be held on such date as the Governor shall specify pursuant to Section 22-1 (b) of this Article.

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 or papers a signed receipt stating that the paper or papers are on file with the board. 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, including an associated 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. Following the verification, a