

[(d)] In the case of a political party which is not entitled to nominate candidates for public office by means of primary elections, [subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section] THIS SUBTITLE shall not apply and in lieu thereof delegates and alternate delegates to represent the political party at its national convention shall be elected at a party convention in accordance with the lawful rules and practices of the party.

[12-2.] 12-6.

(a) 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 90 days nor later than 70 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 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;

(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 70 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election. Nothing in this section shall require compliance with § 7-1.

(b) The Secretary of State shall establish a procedure for the Democratic presidential primary through which votes may be cast as uncommitted to any presidential candidate.

(c) A candidate qualifying under this section shall be entitled to have his name printed upon the official primary ballot of his party in primary elections held under and in accordance with this article as a candidate for the nomination for President.

(d) The board of supervisors of elections in each county and of Baltimore City shall have printed upon the official primary ballots of each of those political parties in each county of the State, and in each legislative district of Baltimore City at the primary election in each year in which a President of the United States is to be elected, the names of the candidates for President and names of candidates for election as delegates to