

(a) Subject to § 5-402 of this title, an individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy may withdraw the candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal on the form prescribed by the State Board within 10 days after the filing date established under § 5-303 of this title.

(b) [An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy and a petition in accordance with § 8-502(d) of this article, or a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention subject to § 5-303(a)(2) of this title, may withdraw the candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal on the form prescribed by the State Board within 4 days after the filing date established under § 5-303 of this title.

(c) An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for the special election to fill a vacancy for Representative in Congress may withdraw the certificate on the prescribed form within 2 days after the filing date established in the proclamation issued by the Governor.

8-201.

(a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered year.

(2) A primary election shall be held:

(i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September; and

(ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is elected, on the [first] **SECOND** Tuesday in [March] **FEBRUARY**.

(b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices on the second Tuesday following the first Monday in September in the year following the election of the Governor.

8-501.

(a) Delegates and alternate delegates to the national presidential nominating convention of a political party shall be selected as provided in the national party rules of the party.

(b) The State central committee of each political party shall certify to the State Board, not later than [January 1 in the year of the election] **OCTOBER 1 IN THE YEAR PRECEDING THE ELECTION:**

(1) the number of delegates and alternate delegates to be selected in the State and the mode or modes of selection; and

(2) in the case of a principal political party: