

HB0176/505762/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 176
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Certificates of Candidacy and Nomination” and substitute “Candidates”; in line 12, after “candidacy;” insert “providing that a candidate nominated by a new political party under a certain provision of law is not required to file a declaration of intent;”; and in line 15, strike “and 5-302” and substitute “5-302, and 5-703.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 18, insert:

“5-703.1.

(a) Except for a candidate for a nonpartisan county board of education, this section applies to any candidate for public office subject to this title.

(b) A candidate for a public office may be nominated by a political party under this subtitle if the political party is not required to nominate its candidates by party primary.

(c) (1) **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY A NEW POLITICAL PARTY UNDER § 4-102(F) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(2) A candidate for public office who seeks political party nomination under this section shall file a declaration of intent to seek political party nomination.

[2] (3) The declaration of intent shall be filed with the board at which the candidate files a certificate of candidacy under Subtitle 3 of this title.

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~~[(3)]~~ **(4)** The declaration of intent shall be filed as follows:

(i) not later than the first Monday in July; and

(ii) for a special election to fill a vacancy:

1. for Representative in Congress, by the date and time specified in the Governor's proclamation; or

2. for a local public office, by the date and time specified in the county proclamation.

~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** A candidate who seeks nomination by political party may not be charged a fee for filing the declaration of intent.

(d) (1) A candidate for public office who seeks nomination by political party shall file a certificate of candidacy not later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday in August in the year of the general election for the office.

(2) Except for the time of filing, the certificate of candidacy for a candidate who seeks nomination by political party shall comply with the requirements for a certificate of candidacy under Subtitle 3 of this title.

(e) A candidate for nomination by political party may not have the candidate's name placed on the general election ballot unless the candidate files with the appropriate board, on a form the State Board prescribes, a certificate of nomination signed by the officers of the political party."