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By: Senator Conway

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Election Law - Primary Election Dates in the Presidential Election Year

- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected; altering the date of the primary election 4 5 for municipal offices in Baltimore City in the year in which the President of the 6 United States is elected; making certain conforming changes; clarifying certain 7 provisions of law concerning the filling of certain vacancies in nomination; repealing 8 an obsolete provision of law concerning the printing of certain ballots; and generally 9 relating to primary election dates in the presidential election year and the nomination of candidates. 10
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Election Law
- 13 Section 5–303(c), 5–703(c), 5–703.1(c), 5–801(b), 5–1002(b), 5–1003(b), 5–1004(b),
- 14 6–210(e), 8–201, 8–502(c), 9–207(a), 9–215(a), and 13–309(a)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

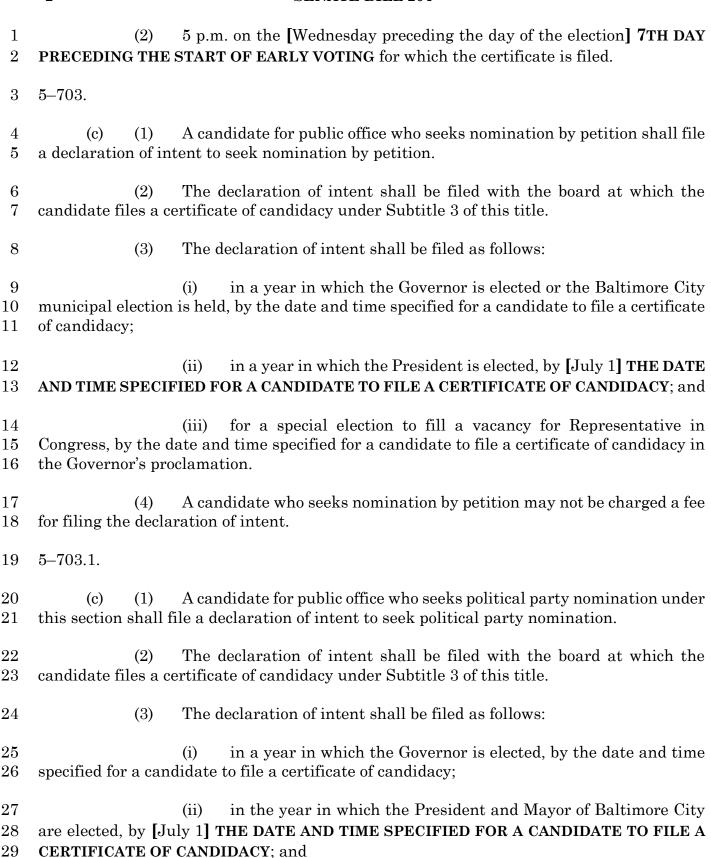
19 Article – Election Law

- 20 5–303.
- 21 (c) The certificate of candidacy for the election of a write—in candidate shall be 22 filed by the earlier of:
- 23 (1) 7 days after a total expenditure of at least \$51 is made to promote the 24 candidacy by a campaign finance entity of the candidate; or

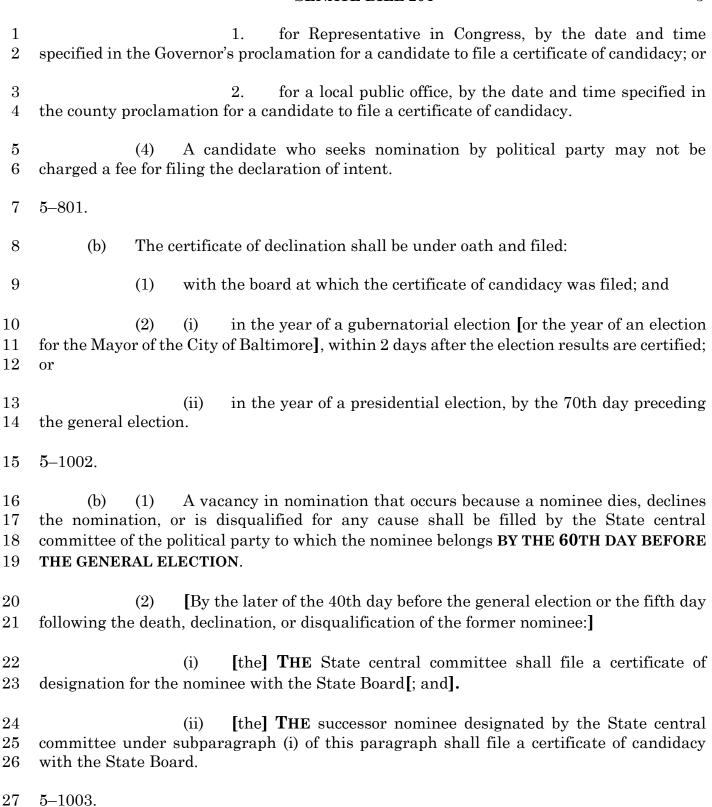


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for a special election to fill a vacancy:



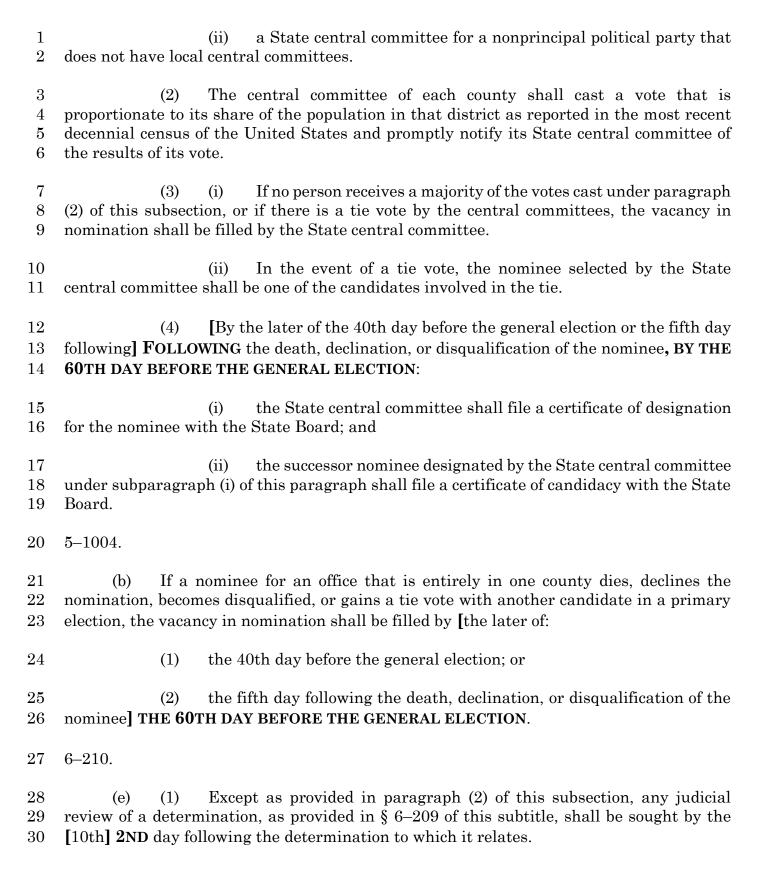
29 nominee dies, withdraws the candidacy, or is disqualified for any reason shall be filled by:

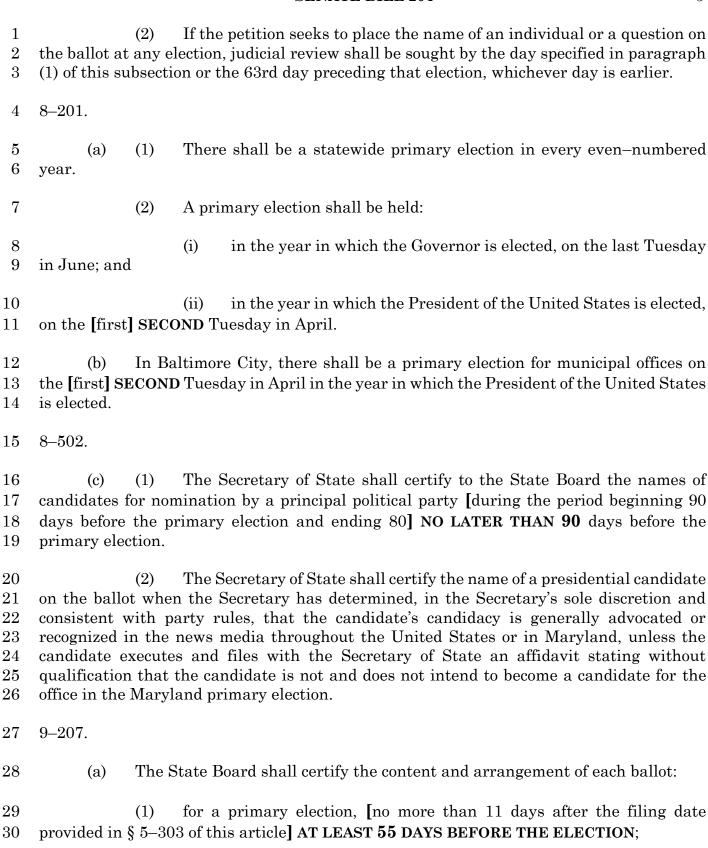
A vacancy in nomination under this section that occurs because the

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30 (i) a vote of the central committees of the political party in each of the counties included in the district of that nominee; or





32 (3) for a special primary election, at least 18 days before the election; and

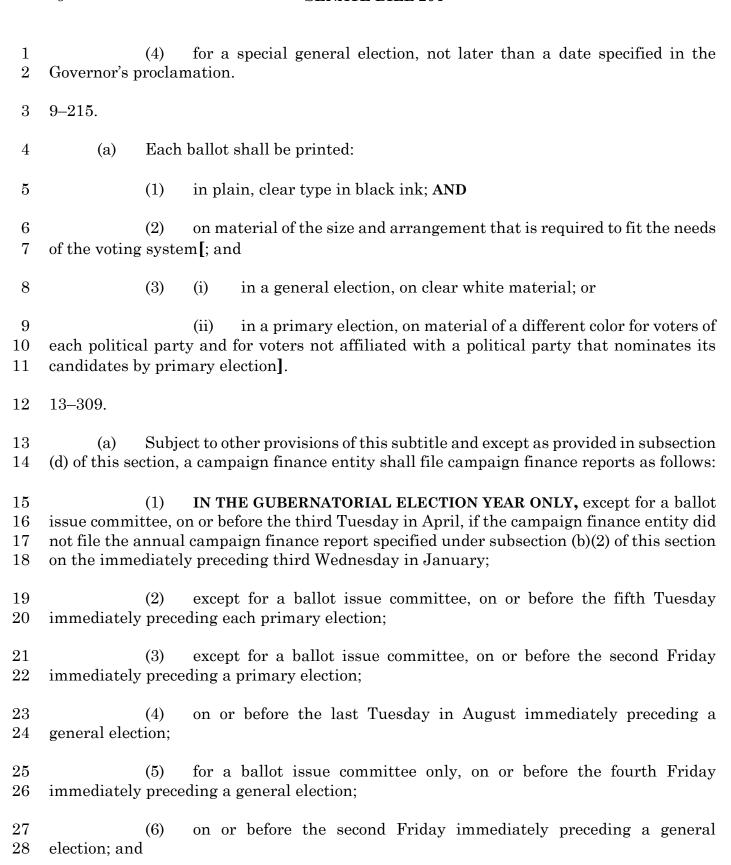
for a general election, at least 55 days before the election;

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on or before the second Tuesday after a general election.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2015.