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§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) 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) 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.

(3) The declaration of intent shall be filed as follows:

(i) in a year in which the Governor is elected, by the date and time specified for a candidate to file a certificate of candidacy;

(ii) in the year in which the President and Mayor of Baltimore City are elected, by the date and time specified for a candidate to file a certificate of candidacy; and

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

1. for Representative in Congress, by the date and time specified in the Governor's proclamation for a candidate to file a certificate of candidacy; or

2. for a local public office, by the date and time specified in the county proclamation for a candidate to file a certificate of candidacy.

(4) 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.

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