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§5–801.

(a) A nominee may decline the nomination by filing a certificate of declination on the prescribed form.

(b) The certificate of declination shall be under oath and filed:

(1) with the board at which the certificate of candidacy was filed; and

(2) (i) in the year of a gubernatorial election, by the 70th day preceding the general election; or

(ii) in the year of a presidential election, by the 70th day preceding the general election.

(c) If a certificate of declination is filed under this section:

(1) the certificate of nomination to which the certificate of declination relates is void;

(2) a vacancy in nomination is created to be filled in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 10 of this title;

(3) the name of the individual who declined the nomination may not appear on the ballot unless the individual is selected to fill that vacancy; and

(4) the filing fee for the certificate of candidacy of that individual may not be refunded.

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