
By: Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee (Departmental - Elections, State Board of)

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1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections - Write-in Candidates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the deadline by which a write-in candidate shall file the
4 certificate of candidacy for election; and generally relating to write-in campaigns.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article 33 - Election Code
7 Section 4D-1
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article 33 - Election Code**

13 4D-1.

14 (a) Any person or combination of two or more persons who expends \$51 or more
15 to organize, promote, or assist in any manner the success of any person or persons seeking
16 to obtain write-in votes for any public office to be filled at a general election is a political
17 committee for the purposes of this article.

18 (b) A write-in candidate is required to file a certificate of candidacy for election.
19 The certificate shall be filed with the same agency as if the write-in candidate were filing
20 for office under § 4A-2 of this article. The certificate may be filed without payment of a
21 filing fee.

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1 (c) The certificate of candidacy for election of a write-in candidate shall be filed
2 no later than 7 days after a total expenditure of \$51 is made by him or in his behalf by a
3 committee authorized by him to promote his candidacy, but shall not be filed later than
4 5:00 p.m. on the [day] WEDNESDAY preceding the day of the election for which the
5 certificate is filed.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1996.