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ENROLLED BILL

-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means --

Introduced by Senator Stone (Chairman, Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)

	Read and Examined by Proofreaders:	
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	d with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval thisday of at o'clock,M.	Proofreader.
		President.
	CHAPTER	
1 A	AN ACT concerning	
2	Election Law - Presidential Election Procedures - Deadlines	
3 F 4 5 6 7 8 9	OR the purpose of altering certain deadlines and procedures relating to certain candidates as presidential or vice presidential nominees; altering the withdrawal deadline for certain candidates; altering the deadline for naming a replacement candidate for a presidential delegate; specifying a period in which a petition candidate may file as a presidential nominee; specifying a date prior to a general election by which a political party must certify its presidential electors to the State Board; altering the dates by which the State Board must certify the content and arrangement of the primary ballot in the year of a presidential	

- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article Election Law

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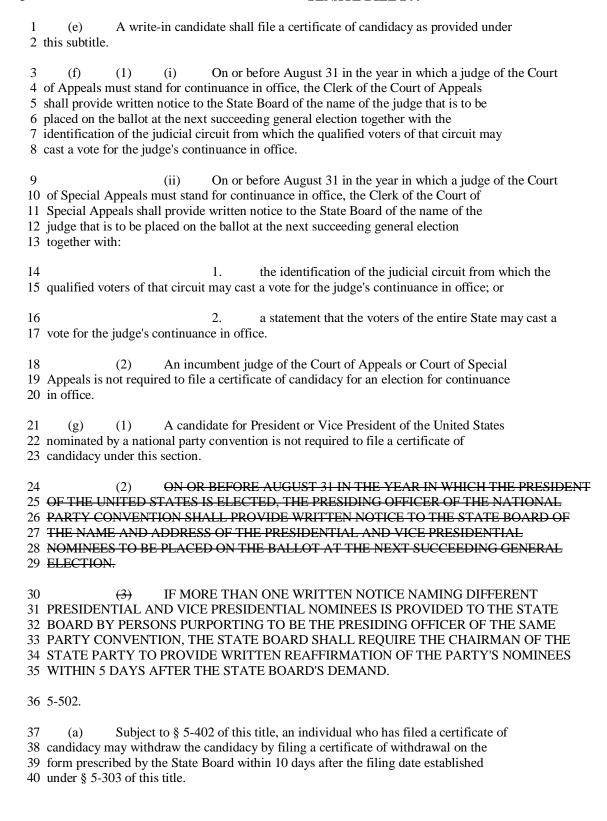
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15 Section 5-301, 5-502, 8-501 through 8-503, and 9-207

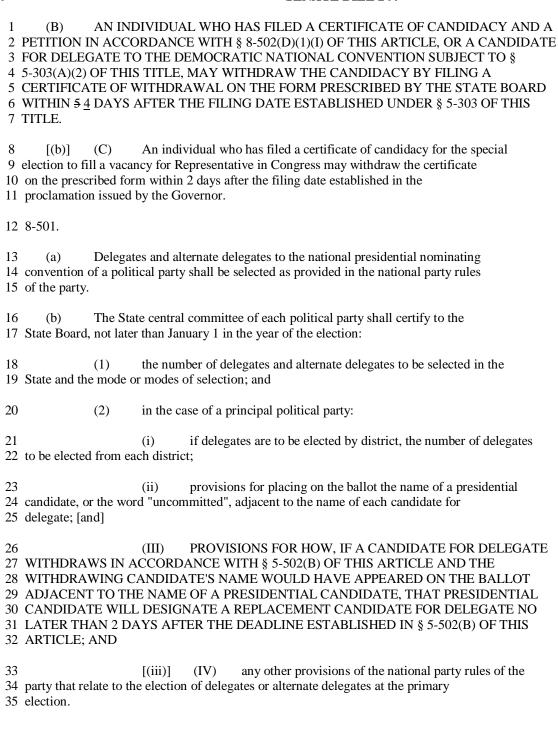
election; and generally relating to certain procedures, deadlines, and

requirements relating to the presidential election process.

1 2	Annotated Code of Maryland (2003 Volume)									
3	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:									
5				Ar	ticle - Ele	ection La	ıw			
6	5-301.									
7	(a)	An indi	vidual ma	y become a	candidate	for a pub	olic or part	y office on	ly if:	
8 9	subtitle; and	(1)	the indiv	vidual files a	certificate	e of cand	idacy in ac	ccordance	with thi	
10 11	5 of this title	(2)	the indiv	vidual does n	ot file a c	ertificate	of withdra	awal under	Subtitle	
12 13	(b) certificate of			oard shall d the requiren						
14 15	Subtitle 2 of	(1) this title		registration	and party	y affiliatio	on require	ments unde	er	
16 17	article.	(2)	the camp	paign finance	e reporting	g requirei	ments und	er Title 13	of this	
18 19	(c) candidate's r	(1) name is to		ertificate of on the ballot		y, a candi	date shall	designate l	now the	
	shall file a co		of candid		h the cand					
25	than that spe affidavit, un by that other	der pena	ider parag lties of pe		this subsec	ction if th	e candida	te files an		
27			(i)	press accou	nts concei	rning the	candidate	, if any; or		
28 29	encounters v	vith men	(ii) abers of th	if press according communit		not exist,	the candid	late's every	day	
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33 34	(d) candidacy as			seeks noming 103 of this tite		petition sl	nall file a	certificate (of	



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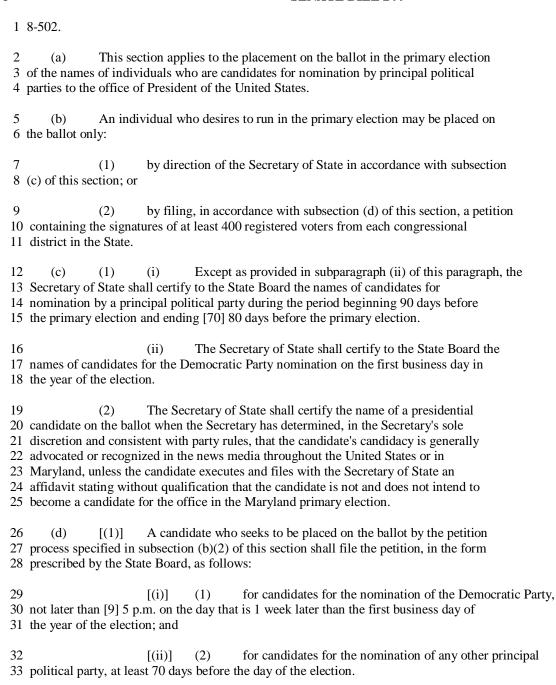
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38 presidential candidate.

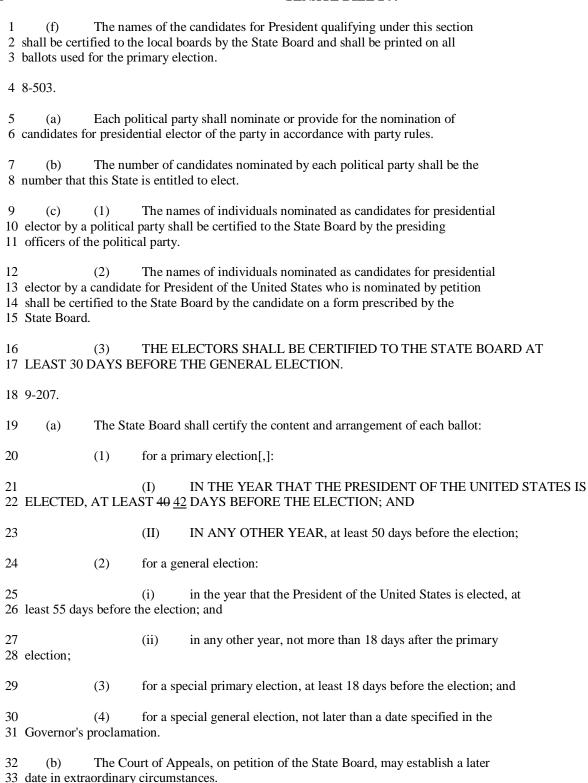
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A petition filed under this section is not subject to Title 4 or Title 5 of

The State Board shall establish a procedure for the Democratic

37 presidential primary through which votes may be cast as uncommitted to any



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- 1 (c) Within 48 hours after certification, the State Board shall deliver to each 2 local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that county. Within 5 days after the certification, or a later date that the Court of 3 4 Appeals establishes in extraordinary circumstances on petition of the State Board, a 5 local board shall: prepare the arrangement for all ballots to be used in the county, 6 (i) 7 using the arrangement prescribed by the State Board; and 8 display the content and arrangement, in a manner that is (ii) 9 accessible to the public, on all days that the office is open through the day of the 10 election. 11 Except pursuant to a court order under § 9-209 of this subtitle, or as 12 provided in § 9-208 of this subtitle, the content and arrangement of the ballot may 13 not be modified after the third day of the public display.
- 14 (e) Unless a delay is required by court order, a local board may begin to print 15 the ballots after 3 days of public display and, with the approval of the State Board,
- 16 correction of any noted errors.
- 17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 18 October 1, 2003.