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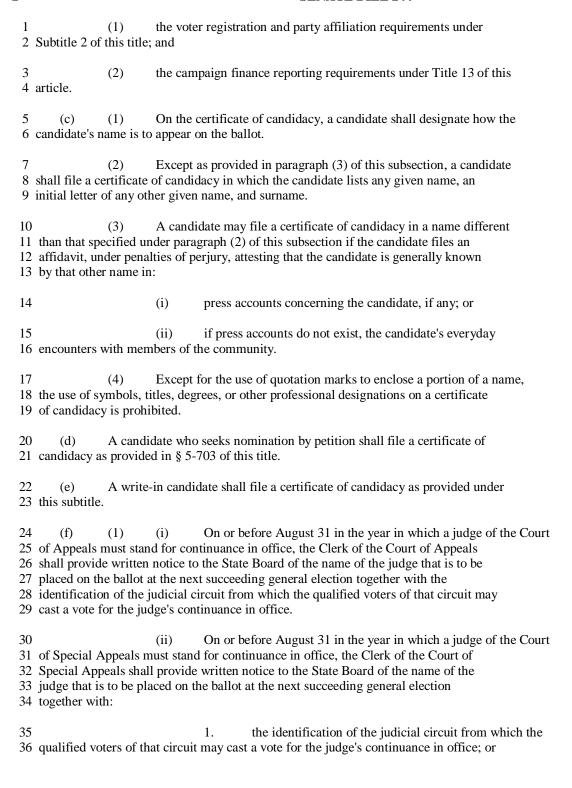
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A BILL ENTITLED

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2 Election Law - Presidential Election Procedures - Deadlines

- 3 FOR the purpose of altering certain deadlines and procedures relating to certain
- 4 candidates as presidential or vice presidential nominees; altering the
- 5 withdrawal deadline for certain candidates; altering the deadline for naming a
- 6 replacement candidate for a presidential delegate; specifying a period in which a
- 7 petition candidate may file as a presidential nominee; specifying a date prior to
- 8 a general election by which a political party must certify its presidential electors
- 9 to the State Board; altering the dates by which the State Board must certify the
- 10 content and arrangement of the primary ballot in the year of a presidential
- election; and generally relating to certain procedures, deadlines, and
- requirements relating to the presidential election process.
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article Election Law
- 15 Section 5-301, 5-502, 8-501 through 8-503, and 9-207
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2003 Volume)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 20 Article Election Law
- 21 5-301.
- 22 (a) An individual may become a candidate for a public or party office only if:
- 23 (1) the individual files a certificate of candidacy in accordance with this
- 24 subtitle: and
- 25 (2) the individual does not file a certificate of withdrawal under Subtitle
- 26 5 of this title.
- 27 (b) The appropriate board shall determine whether an individual filing a
- 28 certificate of candidacy meets the requirements of this article, including:



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40 of the party.

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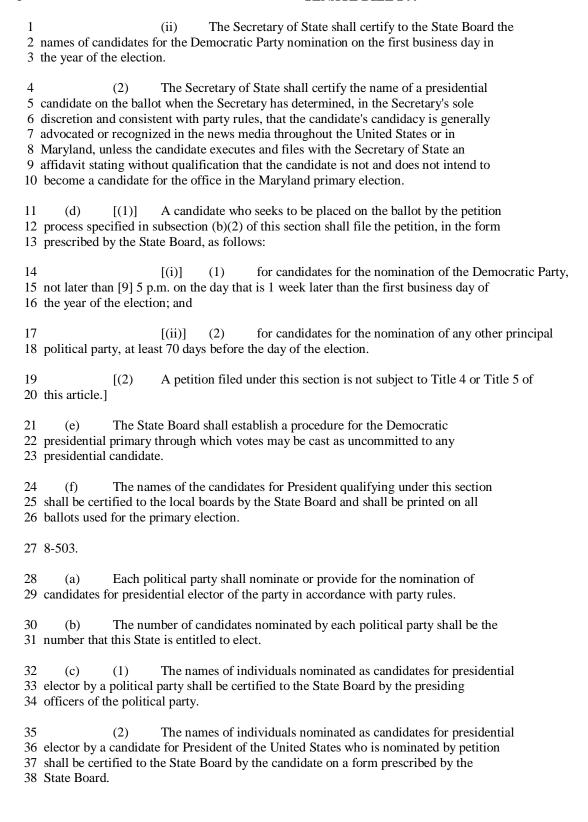
Delegates and alternate delegates to the national presidential nominating

39 convention of a political party shall be selected as provided in the national party rules

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2		han January 1 in the year of the election:
3	(1) State and the mode or	the number of delegates and alternate delegates to be selected in the modes of selection; and
5	(2)	in the case of a principal political party:
6 7	to be elected from eac	(i) if delegates are to be elected by district, the number of delegates a district;
	candidate, or the word delegate; [and]	(ii) provisions for placing on the ballot the name of a presidential "uncommitted", adjacent to the name of each candidate for
13 14 15 16	WITHDRAWS IN A WITHDRAWING CA ADJACENT TO THI CANDIDATE WILL	(III) PROVISIONS FOR HOW, IF A CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE CCORDANCE WITH § 5-502(B) OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE INDIDATE'S NAME WOULD HAVE APPEARED ON THE BALLOT NAME OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, THAT PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATE A REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE NOW AFTER THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN § 5-502(B) OF THIS
		[(iii)] (IV) any other provisions of the national party rules of the election of delegates or alternate delegates at the primary
21	8-502.	
	of the names of indiv	ion applies to the placement on the ballot in the primary election duals who are candidates for nomination by principal political President of the United States.
25 26	(b) An individue the ballot only:	dual who desires to run in the primary election may be placed on
27 28	(1) (c) of this section; or	by direction of the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection
		by filing, in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, a petition res of at least 400 registered voters from each congressional
34	Secretary of State sha nomination by a princ	Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the l certify to the State Board the names of candidates for ipal political party during the period beginning 90 days before and ending [70] 80 days before the primary election.

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1 2	LEAST 30 I	(3) DAYS BE		LECTORS SHALL BE CERTIFIED TO THE STATE BOARD AT THE GENERAL ELECTION.			
3	9-207.						
4	(a)	The Sta	te Board	shall certify the content and arrangement of each ballot:			
5		(1)	for a pri	mary election[,]:			
6 7	ELECTED,	AT LEA	(I) ST 40 DA	IN THE YEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS AYS BEFORE THE ELECTION; AND			
8			(II)	IN ANY OTHER YEAR, at least 50 days before the election;			
9		(2)	for a gen	neral election:			
10 11	0 (i) in the year that the President of the United States is elected, at 1 least 55 days before the election; and						
12 13	election;		(ii)	in any other year, not more than 18 days after the primary			
14		(3)	for a spe	ecial primary election, at least 18 days before the election; and			
15 16	for a special general election, not later than a date specified in the Governor's proclamation.						
17 18	The Court of Appeals, on petition of the State Board, may establish a later date in extraordinary circumstances.						
19 20	` '			after certification, the State Board shall deliver to each fied ballot content and arrangement for that county.			
	(d) Appeals est local board			5 days after the certification, or a later date that the Court of dinary circumstances on petition of the State Board, a			
24 25	using the ar	rangemer	(i) nt prescri	prepare the arrangement for all ballots to be used in the county, bed by the State Board; and			
	accessible to election.	o the pub	(ii) lic, on all	display the content and arrangement, in a manner that is days that the office is open through the day of the			
	9 (2) Except pursuant to a court order under § 9-209 of this subtitle, or as 0 provided in § 9-208 of this subtitle, the content and arrangement of the ballot may 1 not be modified after the third day of the public display.						
	Unless a delay is required by court order, a local board may begin to print the ballots after 3 days of public display and, with the approval of the State Board, correction of any noted errors.						

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2003.