

§331. Primary required

1. Nomination by primary election. A party's nomination of a candidate must be made by primary election, as provided in this Article. When there is an office for which no candidate has qualified either by filing a petition and consent under sections 335 and 336 or as a write-in candidate in accordance with section 722-A, the Secretary of State is not required to list the office on the primary ballot. The Secretary of State is not required to print a primary ballot if there are no offices for which a candidate has qualified.

[PL 2015, c. 447, §8 (AMD).]

2. Exceptions. This Article does not apply to:

A. Nominations for presidential electors; [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

B. Nominations to fill vacancies under subchapter III; and [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

C. Nominations by petition under subchapter II. [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

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3. Limitations to candidacy. The following limitations apply to all candidates for nominations.

A. A person may not file, whether by primary election or nomination petition, as a candidate for more than one federal, state or county office at any election, except for a candidate for membership in a county charter commission or a candidate for presidential elector under section 351, subsection 3. [PL 1997, c. 436, §47 (AMD).]

B. A person may file as a candidate for any federal, state or county office either by primary election or nomination petition but not by both, except for a candidate for membership in a county charter commission under section 351, subsection 3. [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

[PL 1997, c. 436, §47 (AMD).]

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PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW). PL 1997, c. 436, §47 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 447, §8 (AMD).

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