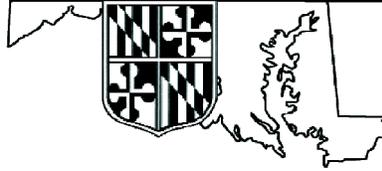


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**DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE FILINGS FOR THE
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Annapolis, Maryland (April 25, 2008) – Friday, May 9, 2008, is the deadline for a candidate to file a Certificate of Candidacy for the Special General Election for the 4th Congressional District. On April 18, 2008, Governor Martin O'Malley issued a proclamation to hold a special election on June 17, 2008 in Maryland's 4th Congressional District to fill the House of Representative seat vacated by the Honorable Albert R. Wynn. Pursuant to State law, the Governor has the authority to establish the deadline for the filing of *Certificates of Candidacy*. In this case, the Governor declared that Friday, May 9, 2008 by 5:00pm is the deadline for a candidate to file a *Certificate of Candidacy* to be placed on the special general election ballot.

Besides filing the *Certificate of Candidacy*, in accordance with the Governor's proclamation, Friday, May 9, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for a candidate from a political party to file a *Certificate of Nomination*, signed by the officers of the political party, for the 2008 Special General Election in the 4th Congressional District and also the deadline for petition candidates to file a petition. All candidates are required to pay a filing fee and file in person at the State Board of Elections (SBE), located at 151 West Street, Annapolis, MD. Failure to meet any of the requirements prior to the deadline will invalidate the *Certificate of Candidacy* and remove the individual from the ballot.

The Special General Election for the 4th Congressional District will be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2008**. For more information, please contact Jared DeMarinis, Director of Campaign Finance at 410-269-2853 or jdemarinis@elections.state.md.us

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