

STATE OF MARYLAND



Proclamation

Special Election – Vacancy in the Fourth Congressional District

WHEREAS, United States Congressman Albert R. Wynn has issued, and the undersigned has accepted, a letter announcing that the Congressman will resign from the 110th Congress effective May 31, 2008 at 11:59 p.m.;

WHEREAS, The resignation of Congressman Wynn will create a vacancy in the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The vacancy must be filled to ensure that the citizens of Maryland have full representation in the 110th Congress;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND ARTICLE I, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, HEREBY PROCLAIM, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Definitions. The terms used in this proclamation have the meanings indicated in the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

B. Special Election to Fill the Vacancy.

(1) A special general election shall be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 to fill the vacancy that will arise on May 31, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. in the office of the Representative of Congress for the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland.

(2) A special primary election for the office shall not be held.

C. Nominations for the Office. Nominations for the office shall be made in accordance with Section 8-710(e)(2)(i) of the Election Law Article, as amended by Chapter 118 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008.

D. — Filing Certificates of Candidacy, Certificates of Nomination, and Petitions.

(1) With respect to any nomination for the office made by a political party or by petition, a certificate of candidacy must be filed with the State Board of Elections not later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008. The certificate of candidacy must be filed in the manner prescribed by the State Board.

(2) With respect to any nomination for the office made by a political party, a certificate of nomination must be filed with the State Board not later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008. The certificate of nomination must be filed in the manner prescribed by the State Board and signed by the officers of the political party.

(3) With respect to any nomination for the office made by petition, a petition must be filed with the State Board not later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008. The petition must be filed in the manner prescribed by the State Board.

E. Voter Registration. The State Administrator of Elections shall establish a voter registration deadline for the special election.

F. Public Notification.

- (1) The State Administrator immediately shall:
 - (a) notify the State Board members, and the local boards within the Fourth Congressional District, that this proclamation has been issued; and
 - (b) forward to each applicable local board a copy of this proclamation.
- (2) The State Administrator shall notify the public of:
 - (a) the deadline to file challenges to the ballot for the special election;

(b) the voter registration deadline for the special election; and

(c) any other deadlines related to the special election that the State Administrator designates pursuant to Section 8-710 of the Election Law Article, as amended by Chapter 118 of the Laws of the General Assembly of 2008.

G. Conducting the Special Election. The local boards within the Fourth Congressional District shall conduct the special election in accordance with:

(1) all applicable provisions of the Election Law Article, as amended by Chapter 118 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008;

(2) all applicable regulations of the State Board, unless the regulation conflicts with Section 8-710 of the Election Law Article, as amended by Chapter 118 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008; and

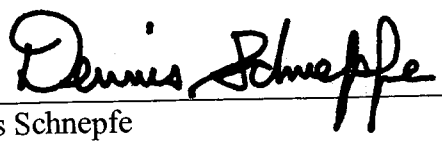
(3) any instructions that the State Administrator provides to the local boards pursuant to Section 8-710 of the Election Law Article, as amended by Chapter 118 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008, or other applicable law.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 18th day of April, 2008




Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:


Dennis Schnepfe
Interim Secretary of State