

STATE OF MARYLAND



# Proclamation

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Special Election – Vacancy in the Seventh Congressional District

WHEREAS, United States Congressman Elijah Cummings served in the United States House of Representatives for Maryland's Seventh Congressional District from 1996 until his death on October 17, 2019;

WHEREAS, The death of Congressman Cummings created a vacancy in the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, HEREBY PROCLAIM, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. Special Elections to Fill the Vacancy
  - A. A special primary election shall be held on February 4, 2020, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Representative of Congress for the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland.
  - B. A special general election shall be held on April 28, 2020, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Representative of Congress for the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland.

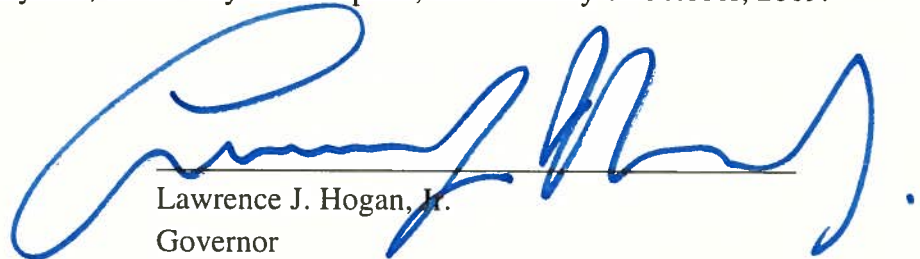
2. Declarations of Intent and Certificates of Candidacy

- A. A candidate for the office who seeks nomination by principal political party shall, in the manner prescribed by the State Board of Elections (the “State Board”), file a certificate of candidacy in the office of the State Board not later than November 20, 2019, at 5 p.m. Certificates of candidacy may be filed beginning on October 30, 2019, at 9 a.m.
- B. A candidate for the office who seeks nomination of a political party not required to nominate its candidates by party primary shall file a declaration of intent to seek political party nomination no later than January 13, 2020, at 5 p.m.
- C. A candidate for the office who seeks nomination by petition shall file a declaration of intent to seek nomination by petition by January 13, 2020, at 5 p.m.
- D. A candidate for the office who seeks nomination of a political party not required to nominate its candidates by party primary shall, in the manner prescribed by the State Board, file a certificate of candidacy no later than February 4, 2020, at 5 p.m.
- E. A candidate for the office who seeks nomination by petition shall, in the manner prescribed by the State Board, file a certificate of candidacy not later than February 4, 2020, at 5 p.m.
- F. A certificate of candidacy for the election of a write-in candidate shall be filed, in the manner prescribed by the State Board, by the earlier of:
  - i. 7 days after a total expenditure of at least \$51 is made to promote a candidacy by a campaign finance entity of the candidate; or
  - ii. April 9, 2020, at 5 p.m.

3. An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy may withdraw the certificate on a form prescribed by the State Board within 2 days following the applicable filing date.

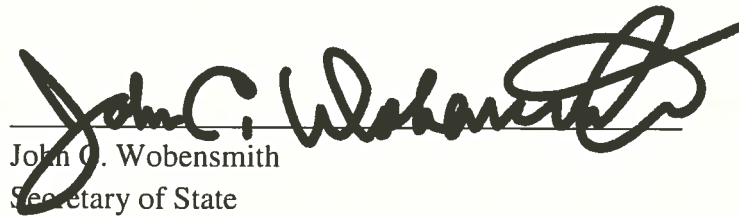
4. The State Board shall certify and publicly display the content and arrangement of each ballot for the special general election by February 24, 2020.
5. The special primary and general elections shall be conducted in accordance with:
  - A. All applicable provisions of Maryland law;
  - B. All applicable regulations of the State Board, unless the regulation conflicts with Maryland law; and
  - C. Any instructions that the State Administrator provides in accordance with Maryland law.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 28th day of October, 2019.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:



John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State