

CHAPTER 816

(House Bill 928)

AN ACT to add new Section ~~[[31A]] 47~~ to Article ~~[[23B]] 23A~~ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title ~~[[“Municipal Corporation Charter,”]] “Corporations - Municipal”~~, subtitle ~~[[“Registration, Nominations and Elections,”]] “Home Rule”~~, and to be under the new subheading “Elections - Absentee Ballot”, to follow immediately after Section ~~[[31]] 46~~ thereof, to require municipalities to allow a qualified voter to vote in municipal elections by absentee ballot, and to authorize municipalities to provide for the procedure to vote by absentee ballot.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section ~~[[31A]] 47~~ be and it is hereby added to Article ~~[[23B]] 23A~~ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title ~~[[“Municipal Corporation Charter,”]] “Corporations - Municipal”~~, subtitle ~~[[“Registration, Nominations and Elections,”]] “Home Rule”~~, and to be under the new subheading “Elections - Absentee Ballot”, to follow immediately after Section ~~[[31]] 46~~ thereof and to read as follows:

~~[[31A.]] 47.~~

(A) ANY QUALIFIED VOTER REGISTERED TO VOTE IN A MUNICIPALITY IS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION BY ABSENTEE BALLOT. ALL MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

(B) THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE GENERALLY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO DO ANY AND ALL ACTS PROVIDING FOR VOTING BY PERSONS WHO ARE ABSENTEE VOTERS. THEY ARE SEVERALLY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO USE ANY OF THEIR FACILITIES TO TRANSMIT AND RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, ENVELOPES, INSTRUCTIONS~~[[,]]~~ AND PRINTED MATTER~~[[,]]~~ TO ENABLE ABSENTEE VOTERS TO VOTE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 817

(House Bill 937)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 150, 151, 152, 152A, 152B, 153(a), 155, 156 and 157 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title “Health,” subtitle “State Board of Veterinary Examiners,” and to repeal Sections 152C and 153(b) of the same Article, title and subtitle, to generally revise and relate to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and to reletter as appropriate and correct the language therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 150, 151, 152, 152A, 152B, 153(a), 155, 156 and 157 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and