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SPECIAL PRIMARY, APRIL 13, 1971 SPECIAL ELECTION, MAY 25, 1971

ARTICLE 33 SECTION:

3-8(a)	Registration Closes	March 15 at 9:00 P.M.
*4A-3	Filing Deadline	March 22 at 9:00 P.M.
*9-1	Withdrawal Deadline	March 24
*8-4	Candidate Certification	March 24
*7-1(e)	Petition Certification	March 29
16-9(b)	Notice Machine Preparation	March 29
16-9(a)	Machine Delivery	April 6
BY PROCLAMATION	Special Primary	April 13
*17-2(a)	Begin Canvass	April 14
*17-5(c)	Certify Results	Soon as Completed
3-8(a)	Registration Open	April 24-26
*8-4	Candidate Certification	May 5
16-9(b)	Notice Machine Preparation	May 10
16-9(a)	Machine Delivery	May 18
BY PROCLAMATION	Special Election	May 25
*17-2(a)	Begin Canvass	May 26
*17-5(c)	Certification of Results	Soon as Completed
18-1(b)	State Board of Canvassers	Within 30 Days

^{*} Chapter 2, Acts of 1971, Senate Bill 166

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ANNAPOLIS - MARYLAND

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION JULY 15,1947 TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE 80th CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OCCASIONED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS D'ALESANDRO, JR.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., representative in the 80th Congress of the United States of America from the Third Congressional District of the State of Maryland, resigned his seat on May 16,1947, thus creating a vacancy in the 80th Congress of the United States in the said Third Congressional District of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a representative in the 80th Congress from the Third Congressional District of the State of Mary-land be chosen before the regular time for the election of such representative in order to fill the vacancy thus occurring for the balance of the term in said Congress for which the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, gr., had been elected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WM. PRESTON LANE, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, under the authority vested in me by virtue of Section 115 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, do hereby proclaim and direct that a special election be held on July 15, 1947, to fill the vacancy in the representation of the Third Congressional District of the State of Maryland in the 80th Congress by reason of the resignation of the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.;

AND I DO FURTHER REQUIRE AND DIRECT that the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City shall give at least twenty (20) days' notice of said election in the Third Congressional District in which said vacancy exists.

AND I DO FURTHER DIRECT that the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City place upon the ballot to be used at the special Congressional election on July 15, 1947, the names of those who may be nominated according to law for election to fill the vacancy in the 80th Congress, caused by the resignation of the Said Thomas

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the Capitol in the City of Annapolis on the 9th of June , in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forly Seven.

Governor

Secretary of State

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L- Special Election

SENATE BILL 166

SPECIAL PRIMARY, APRIL 13, 1971 SPECIAL ELECTION, May 25, 1971

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*Senate Bill 166

NOTE:

Should the Special Election be held on June 1, (Memorial Day, May 31st), registration books would open on April 24th and close on May 4th.

January 29, 1971

Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton Secretary of the Interior Washington, D.C.

Dear Rog:

I have received your letter of January 28, 1971 submitting your resignation from the House of Representatives, effective upon your sweering-in as Secretary of the Interior on January 29, 1971.

Congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of the Interior. Knowing of your interest in Maryland and the State's concern for livable environment, I know we can count on you for cooperation in your new position.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Governor

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(b) [If a vacancy should occur by death, resignation or otherwise, at such a period as to make it necessary that a Representative or Representatives in Congress from this State should be chosen before the regular time for such election, the Governor shall by proclamation direct that a special election be held to fill such vacancy. Such proclamation shall require at least twenty days' public notice of such election, (to be given by the boards of the respective counties) comprising the congressional district in which such vacancy may exist. If a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress should occur by death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall, except as hereinafter provided, issue a proclamation directing that a special primary election and a special election be held to fill the vacancy.

Election

- (1) The Governor's proclamation shall specify the dates for the special primary and special elections, provided that the special primary election shall be held on any Tuesday which is at least more than thirty days from the date of the proclamation and that the special election shall be held on any Tuesday which is at least more than thirty days from the date of the special primary election.
- 21 (2) Nominations of candidates shall be as specified in Section 22 4-1 of this Article.
 - (3) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Article and except where such construction would be unreasonable, the provisions of this Article applicable to primary elections shall be appli-

cable to the special primary election provided for herein and the provisions of this Article applicable to general elections shall be applicable to the special election provided for herein.

- (4) Immediately after issuing the proclamation, the Governor shall give public notice of the proclamation and shall deliver it to the State Administrator of Election Laws. The State Administrator of Election Laws, immediately after receiving the proclamation, shall notify the boards of the counties comprising the congressional district in which the vacancy exists of the proclamation and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to each of said boards.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress occurs during the period beginning with ninety days before any regularly scheduled statewide primary election and ending at noon on the following third day of January, the Governor if he deems it in the best interests of the State may in his discretion decline to issue the proclamation provided for herein and may allow the office to remain vacant until it is filled pursuant to the regular election process.

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- (b) Vacancies. If a vacancy should occur by death, resignation or otherwise, at such a period as to make it necessary that a Representative or Representatives in Congress from this State be chosen before the regular time for such election the vacancy shall be filled in the manner set forth in this article, except as follows:
- (1) There shall be a special primary election followed by a special general election;
- 9 (2) Within ten days after the vacancy occurs the Governor shall by proclamation direct that a special primary election to nominate candidates for the vacancy be held on the sixth Tuesday after the proclamation and that a general election to fill the vacancy be held on the eighth Tuesday following the special primary election.
- 14 (3) Registered voters who wish to affiliate with a party, change 15 their party affiliation, or change from affiliation with a party to 16 registration as a decline, may do so at any time prior to the closing 17 of the books of registration before the special primary election.
- (4) Certificates of candidacy shall be received and filed in the office of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws not later than nine p.m. on the Tuesday four weeks before the day on which the special primary election is to be held, and if this date occurs on a legal holiday the certificates must be received and filed not later than nine p.m. on the next succeeding regular business day which is not a legal holiday. Withdrawals shall not be permitted.
- 25 (5) The State of Maryland shall bear all the expenses of a special 26 general election, however, each county and Baltimore City shall bear 27 its individual expenses of the special primary election.



STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND 21401

WILLARD A. MORRIS

February, 8, 1971

SUITE 101
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PHONE: 267-5711

TO: William S. Ratchford, II,

Director, Division of Fiscal Research

FROM: Willard A. Morris,

Administrator, State Board of Election Laws

SUBJECT: Senate Bills 166 and 168

House Bill 277

These Bills provide that the additional cost for the Special Election in the First Congressional District shall be paid by the State.

Under Chapter 4, Section 18 of the Acts of 1967 (see attached) \$750,000 was appropriated to pay the cost of the Special Election held May 14, 1968 for adoption or rejection of the Constitution which was proposed by the Convention. Total monies disbursed to the twelve counties for this election was \$107,022.81. Since only one half of Anne Arundel County is in the first congressional district, this figure includes only one half of the total amount disbursed to Anne Arundel County.

Using budgeted amounts for election activities of the twelve counties involved in this election and allowing only one half of the cost for Anne Arundel County, we estimated the cost of the Special Election to be \$98,187.

We are attaching a compilation which shows that these counties budgeted a total of \$270,141 for the 1970 primary and general election.

Using both tabulations, we estimate the cost to the State should be between \$98,187 and \$107,023.

Very truly yours,

Willard A. Morris

Attachment WAM/pr

MARYLAND ELECTION EXPENDITURES - FISCAL YEAR 1971

BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

	Administration and Registration	Election Activities	Total Appropriation
Allegany	\$ 36,047	\$ 45,000	\$ 81,047
Anne Arundel	63,650	147,530	211,180
Baltimore City	535,963	512,746	1,048,709 ⁽¹⁾
Baltimore County	190,044	561,128	751,172
Calvert	10,809	6,791	17,600
Caroline	4,600	8,800	13,400
C arroll	8,500	23,500	32,000
Ceci 1	11,535	12,580	24,115
Charles	29,000	36,000	65,000
Dorchester	15,888	- 14,170	30,058
Frederick	21,775	32,680	54,455
Garrett	13,503	10,659	24,162
Harford	23,892	26,280	50,172
Howard	18,622	27,200	45,822
Kent	5,900	10,100	16,000
Montgomery	201,100	216,000	417,100
Prince George's	240,075	299,767 (2)	539,842
Queen Anne's	15,000	13,182	28,132
St. Mary's	9,665	12,720	22,385
Somerset	9,000	14,000	23,000
Talbot	5,083	6,800	11,883
Washington	32,604	38,000	70,604
Wi com' co	13,484	16,402	29,886
Worcester	11,214	7,066	18,280
Total	\$1,526,953	\$2,099,101	\$3,626,054

⁽¹⁾ In acception to the biennial elections, Baltimore has municipal elections every four years. Estimated cost of municipal election, 1971 - \$288,000.

Department of Fiscal Services, Division of Fiscal Research, January 18, 1971.

⁽²⁾ Includes approximately \$100,000 for special county elections.

STATE OF MARYLAND COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Distribution of \$750,000.00 appropriated under Chapter 199, Acts of 1967, to provide funds to the counties and Baltimore City for a special election to be held May 14, 1968, for the adoption or rejection of the Constitution which is proposed by the Convention. Distribution based on Chapter 4, Section 18, Acts of 1967.

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County		Cost of 1966 General Election	Distribution of \$750,000.00 Appropriated at 97.65% of Cost
√ Kent		\$ 6,354.16	\$ 6,205.20
Queen Annes		9,996.00	9,761.27
Calvert		6,768.11	6,609.28
√Somerset	•	8,685.17	8,481.25
Caroline		5,532.29	5,402,46
Garrett		4,353.00	4,250.88
Talbot		5,586.57	5,455,47
∨Worcester ~~		5,051.62	4,933.09
Dorchester		8,703.23	8,498.88
Charles	; ·	11,304.24	11,038.77
VSt. Mary's		7,039.15	6,873.91
Noward .	8.4	11,165.87	10,903.65
/Wicomico		11,113.54	10,852.55
¿Cecil		9,159.15	8,944.09
Carroll		8,492.98	8,293.57
Frederick		12,449.57	12,157.19
Allegany	g - 1	18,663.00	18,224.60
Harford		16,304.00	15,921.04
Washington		15,218.04	14,860.60
Anne Arundel		51,214.06	50,010.71
Montgomery		82,560.76	80,620.76
Baltimore County		200,785.00	196,066.73
Prince George's	•	58,996.00	57,609.77
Baltimore City		192,549.00	188,024.28
	TOTAL	\$768,044.51	\$750,000.00

REGARDING SENATE BILLS 166, 168 AND HOUSE BILL 277

COUNTY	TOTAL REGISTRATION 1/1/71	AVAILABLE VOTING MACHINES	FISCAL 1971 BUDGET FOR ELECTION ACTIVITIES 2 ELECTIONS	ESTIMATED COST SPECIAL ELECTION PER BUDGET	DISTRIBUTION UNDER CHAP.4 SEC. 18, ACTS '67
Anne Arundel (parts)	50,468	86 AVM *	\$147,530	\$ 36,883	\$ 25,005.36
Calvert	8,479	26 Shoup	6,791	3,395	6,609.28
Caroline	8,149	25 Shoup	8,800	4,400	5,402.46
Cecil	19,045	58 Shoup	12,580	6,290	8,944.09
Dorchester	12,127	49 AVM	14,170	7,085	8,498.88
Kent	8,545	25 Shoup	10,100	5,050	6,205.20
Queen Anne's	8,044	39 Shoup	13,182	6,590	9,761.27
St. Mary's	13,862	36 Shoup	12,720	6,360	6,873.91
Somerset	10,275	39 Shoup	14,000	7,000	8,481.25
Talbot	10,341	26 Shoup	6,800	3,400	5,455.47
Wicomico	22,454	65 Shoup	16,402	8,201	10,852.55
Worcester	11,409	30 Shoup	7,066	3,533	4,933.09
TOTAL	183,198	504	\$270,141	\$98,187	\$107,022.81

Article 33, Section 16-1(b): "Number of machines. At least one voting machine shall be furnished for each unit of four hundred voters, and an additional machine for every fractional part of such unit; in the case of special elections, however, the board in its discretion may determine the number of machines to be furnished to each polling place."

^{*} Anne Arundel County has determined that they will use only 86 machines. The exact number that other counties will use is unknown.

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By: Senator Bishop

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 166

In line 43 of Section 22-1(5) on page 6 of the printed bill immediately after the word "process", insert the following: ", provided, however, that in the event the Governor declines to issue the proclamation providing for the special primary and special general election, he shall issue a proclamation proclaiming that the regular primary and regular general election stand in place of the special primary and special general election called for hereunder and the candidate elected at the general election shall assume the duties of Representative in Congress on the date of his election and shall fill the vacancy from that date forth; and the election laws pertaining to regular primary and regular general elections shall apply in the event the procedure set forth in this subsection is followed".

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February 11, 1971

Dr. Carl N. Everstine Director Department of Legislative Reference 16 Francis Street P. O. Box 348 Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Mr. John C. Eldridge Chief Legislative Officer Executive Department State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 166

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed a first reader copy of Senate Bill 166, amending the Election Code and providing for special elections, both primary and general. If this Bill is passed in its present form, we anticipate that we will advance no constitutional objections thereto.

Sincerely yours,

Richard G. McCauley

Assistant Attorney General

RGM: hg

cc- Dennis A. Dooley, Esq.
P. Tyson Bennett, Esq.

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February 16, 1971

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Mr. John C. Eldridge Chief Legislative Officer Executive Department State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 166

Gentlemen:

Since our letter to you of February 11, 1971, the case of Jackson v. Ogilvie, 426 F.2d 1333 (7th Cir. 1970) has come to our attention. The holding of this case is such that we feel it is appropriate to withdraw our prior conclusion as to the constitutionality of certain aspects of this Bill pending a further examination of the implications of such holding.

Bob Sweeney today has been in touch with the Governor's office to convey orally the substance of this letter. We will endeavor to provide you with our views on this matter at the earliest practicable time.

Sincerely yours,

Richard G. McCauley Assistant Attorney General

RGM:hg
cc- Dennis A. Dooley, Esq.
P. Tyson Bennett, Esq.

ROBERT F. SWEENEY DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

2/17/71

Dear Jack:

Would you care to give your comment on each inquiry contained in the attached memo?

Regards,

Bob

Encl.

February 15, 1971

To: Chairman Krysiak and Members of the Constitution and Administrative

Law Committee

From: Helen L. Koss

FEB 15 1971

Subject: HB 277

I have several criticisms of this bill to set up a special primary and special election to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives. While this bill has been generated by the vacancy that currently exists in the First Congressional District, the process and proceedure established will govern the filling of any future Congressional vacancies. For this reason, I think the legislation should be the "best" we can pass.

I am submitting for your consideration a number of proposed amendments and a comparison of the provisions I propose with HB 277. However, I realize that it is important to get this bill out and not delay giving the First District its proper Congressional representation. For this reason, I will not offer the amendments, but I will at some point introduce a joint resolution asking that the Legislative Council review the bill to meet the ojections I have and also to ask the Council to explore the possibility of some other way for filling vacancies. My rationale for the latter I hope will be made clear in this memo.

Some of my objections to the present HB 277 are:

- (1) No mandatory provision for withdrawals.
- (2) Because of the present laws regarding the closing of the books for registration, registration is effectively eliminated.
- (3) While HB 277 does provide a mechanism of nomination by petition, the time available for gathering signatures precludes the possibility of any successful use of that procedure. If we permit it, then there should be a reasonable opportunity to meet the deadlines.
- Oistrict to be unrepresented for as long as 10 1/2 months. In a presidential primary year when the primary is held on the 3rd Tuesday in May, a vacancy occuring after the 3rd Tuesday in February could be left unfilled until the following January 3. Also, if a newly elected Congressman dies shortly after election, it seems to me that there should be some mechanism for declaring a vacancy (although I realize technically it doesn't yet exist) and starting the process of electing a replacement before the start of the next Congress. I understand the rationale for granting the Governor this discretion and the problems that would ensue with four elections all going on at the same time. However, I think the problem of no-representation is also serious. This is the basis for my suggestion that some other means of filling vacancies be available and that that problem be explored. At this point, I can't think of one, other than authority to the Governor to appoint. (I understand several states have done this, although it is of doubtful constitutionality and has not been court tested.)

It seems to me generally that elections laws should stimulate the greatest possible participation in the electoral process, should make the ballot available to as many candidates as possible, and should protect the integrity of the elections. For all these reasons, I find fault with HB 277.

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 277

- 1. In line 9 and 10 of Section 4A-3 on page 2, strike "three weeks or twenty-one" and insert therein "five weeks or thirty-five".
- 2. On line 15 of Section 4A-3, on page 2, add a sentence to read "Withdrawals may not be permitted after the close of business of the day following the deadline for the filing of certificates of candidacy."
- 3. On lines 3, 4, and 5 of Section 8-4 on page 3, strike the italicized language.
- 4. On lines 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 on page 4, of Section 9-1, strike the italicized language.
- 5. On page 5, section 22-1, line 16 strike the word "more" and all the italicized language that follows on lines 17, 18, and 19, and insert after the word "least":

"six weeks from the date of the proclamation and that the special election shall be held on any Tuesday which is at least six weeks from the date of the special primary election."

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	FUNCTION	HB 277		AMENDMENTS	
			(to election)		(to election)
22-1 (1)*	Governor's Proclamation	Feb. 21	(30 days)	Feb. 21	(44 days)
3-8 (a)	Close of Registration	Feb. 22	1 day for new registrants	March 8	2 weeks for new registrants
4-A (3)*	Filing Deadline	March 1	(21 days)	March 1	(35 days)
8-4* 7-1 (e)* P	Withdrawal (9 - 1)* Candidate Certification etition candidate filing	March 3 March 1 (sa	provision 4A-3* (20 days) me as primary ndidates)	March 6 March 15	(34 days) (30 days) (21 days) r gathering signatures)
7- (e)*	Petition certification	March 8	(15 days)	(Signatures can be 6 500 per man daye	
16-9(b)	Notice of preparation	March 8	(15 days)	March 22	(15 days)
16-9(a)	Machine delivery	March 16	(7 days)	March 30	(7 days)
	SPECIAL PRIMARY	March 23		April 6	
17-2 * (a)	Begin Canvass	March 24		April 7	A.
17-5 * (c)	Certify results	Soon as comp	leted	Soon as completed	
8 - 4 *	Candidate certification	April 7	(20 days)	April 16 (No change from pres	(30 days) sent requirement)
3-8 (a)	Registration	None		April 17 and 20	(10 days after primary and 28 days before election)
16-9 (b)	Machine Notice Preparation	April 12	(15 days)	May 3	(15 days)
6-9(a)	Machine Delivery	April 20	(7 days)	May 11	(7 days)

OMPARISON OF H. B. 277 AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (page 2)

	FUNCTION	HB 277 (to election)	KOSS AMENDMENTS (to election)
2-1(1)*	SPECIAL ELECTION	April 27	May 18
7-2(a)*	Begin Canvass	April 28	May 19
7-5(c)*	Certification of Results	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
8-1(b)	State Bd. of Canvassers	Within 30 days	Within 30 days

^{*} Proposed change in present las

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L - Special Elections

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

REGISTRATION FIGURES FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MARCH 15, 1971

UNDER 21 YEARS

COUNTY	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	AMERICAN	DECLINE	TOTAL
ANNE ARUNDEL	529	279	8	65	881
CALVERT	84	37		. 11	132
CAROLINE	. 87	40		6	133
CECIL	203	91		8	302
DORCHESTER	130	48		6	184
KENT	115	29		2	146
QUEEN ANNE'S	35	13		1	49
ST. MARY'S	271	57		15	343
SOMERSET	34	17	1	3	55
TALBOT	85	35	. •	1	121
WICOMICO	240	158		23	421
WORCESTER	103	26		19	148
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TOTAL	1916	830	9	135	2915

Jack for your info Willard



T- Special Election

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

WILLARD A. MORRIS
ADMINISTRATOR

March 2, 1971

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE GOVERNOR

FROM: Willard A. Morris

SUBJECT: Special Election, First Congressional District

As a result of considerable research, I am convinced that the Election in the First Congressional District of Maryland will be the first held under Title III of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

The 1970 Federal Census population of the First Congressional District is approximately 475,168. Of this number they estimate that approximately 10% or 47,517 citizens are in the 18 to 21 year bracket. Based on 38.4% of the population in this district now registered, there exists a potential registration of 18,247 voters in the lower age group.

As of January 1, 1971 there were only 614 of the 18 to 21 year olds registered to vote in this district. No figures are available as yet for registration since January 1st except in Anne Arundel County which has registered 719 between January 1st and February 15th.

When it was believed that the 18 to 21 year olds would be able to vote in the Special Election, January 26th in Prince George's County (prior to the Supreme Court decision), 3,884 eligibles registered in approximately four full days.

As a result of numerous phone calls from national news services and others, I believe that this election will be observed nation-wide and should therefor be given every possible advantage for a good showing for our State.

THE GOVERNOR
March 2, 1971
Page 2.

The registration books for the Special Primary Election close on March 15th. Due to the limited time for registration, it is my intention to advise all election boards in the First Congressional District that they are to have their offices open for the registration of voters on Saturday, March 13th, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. for the convenience of students and on Monday, March 15th, from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M..

It is my further intention to advise them that their offices shall be open on April 24th from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., and April 26th from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.. These two days are the only days registration books will be open between the Special Primary and the Special Election.

On Wednesday, March 3rd, at 4 P.M. at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, representatives of all Boards will be present for instructions on the conduct of this Special Election under the guidance of this office per your Proclamation. If any of the above does not meet with your approval, I would appreciate hearing from you before this meeting.

Willard A. Mours