

PERMANENT REGISTRATION

35. Applicability of This Sub-title. (a) *Counties Listed.* A system of permanent registration as provided in this sub-title shall apply and be followed in Baltimore City and in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's and Washington Counties. The laws as to registration of voters elsewhere in this Article shall not apply in such political sub-divisions, except as specifically provided otherwise.

(b) *Other Counties Authorized.* Any other county in the State may elect to be governed by this sub-title, when such action is recommended by the Board of Election Supervisors and approved by the County Commissioners or County Council thereof. In such event the Board of Supervisors either shall cause the names of all persons then registered on the registration books to be transcribed on the forms or cards provided for the permanent registration of voters, as in this sub-title specified; or, in the discretion of said board, the voters in such county shall execute such registration forms or cards at the office of the board of registry or such other places as may be established. The registration of voters in said county shall thereafter be governed by the provisions of this sub-title, and not by any other laws in this Article except as specifically provided otherwise.

36. Form of Permanent Registration. (a) *Records.* The registration of voters shall be conducted as heretofore prescribed for registration books, except that cards or loose-leaf pages shall be used instead of books. When such cards or loose-leaf pages have been duly filled out, and both the original and duplicate registration forms have been signed by the applicant for registration and returned to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the said original and duplicate forms shall be filed in different filing cases or loose-leaf binders. The original forms shall be arranged by precincts in alphabetical order and shall constitute the precinct register for use in polling places on election days. The duplicate forms shall be arranged for the entire city or county, as the case may be, in alphabetical order, and shall constitute the permanent office record of the Board; they shall not be open to public inspection except in the presence of a clerk of the Board, nor shall they be removed from the office of the Board except on order of Court. The registration records shall be open to public inspection under reasonable regulations at all times when the office of the Board is open for business; except that during the thirty-five days preceding and the ten days following an election such records shall not be so opened to public inspection except upon the special order of the Board.

(b) *Binders.* The binders containing the precinct registers shall be securely locked and the keys safely kept by the Supervisors of Elections. The cabinets containing the duplicate forms shall be securely locked, and neither the binders nor the cabinets shall be unlocked except by a clerk or other employee of the Board of Supervisors upon the authorization of said Board.

REGISTRATION BY PERMANENT BOARDS OF REGISTRY

37. Forms and Cards. It shall be the duty of the Boards of Election Supervisors in the political sub-divisions in which this sub-title is