

face type the phrase, "Official Absentee Ballot, State of Maryland". The several Boards, before sending the return envelope to the absentee resident, shall cause it to be addressed to the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections.

(b) The ballot envelope shall be of sufficient size to contain the State Absentee Ballot. Printed on the face of the Ballot Envelope shall be the following oath:

**"Oath of Absentee Resident**

I, ....., do hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a voter legally qualified to vote in the.....  
(Primary, general or special)

election to be held on ....., that I am legally re-  
(Date)

gistered in ..... precinct of the .....  
district or ward in ..... County or city, as  
stated in my application for said ballot; that I will be unavoidably  
absent from my residence because on the day of such election I will  
be absent from the State of Maryland for a good cause, or that I  
am disabled pursuant to Section 235 of Article 33 of the Annotated  
Code of Maryland; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote  
elsewhere than as set forth herein; that the within ballot was by me  
marked secretly, folded and enclosed and sealed in this Ballot  
Envelope; that I am not now disfranchised from voting by reason of  
any offense committed against the laws of Maryland.

.....  
(Absentee voter must sign his name.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of.....,  
19.....

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(Notary Public or other person authorized  
to administer oaths)"

**238. Instructions to Voters.** The printed instructions shall be as follows:

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

Enclosed herewith are a State Absentee Ballot, Ballot Envelope and a Return Envelope for use in returning the ballot. You are entitled to vote if you will be unavoidably absent from the State of Maryland for good cause which requires you to be elsewhere on that day, or if you are ill or disabled as provided by law and unable to vote personally at the polls.

(a) Examine the ballot before marking. When once marked, do not erase, as an erasure will invalidate the ballot. Mark the ballot with either pencil or ink by placing an (X) in the block after each candidate for whom you wish to vote and in the appropriate block after each Constitutional amendment, referendum or any other question (if any appear on the ballot), for or against which you wish to vote. Be sure not to vote for any number of candidates for any office greater than the number specified over the names of candidates for that office. The ballot must be marked secretly. Do not sign your name or