

(b) *Changes in Ballots.* In the event that any candidate whose name is printed on any Absentee Ballot shall die or shall decline to be, or continue as a candidate, or if a vacancy occurs from any other cause, the War Ballot Commission provided for in this sub-title shall have authority to determine whether to reprint said Ballots with the name of any new candidate; provided, however, that said Ballot shall not be reprinted if said new candidate is not certified to the Secretary of State or Board of Supervisors of Elections, as the case may be, at least 60 days prior to the date of such election. If no new Ballots are printed, as herein provided, the War Ballot Commission shall, to the greatest possible extent, give to the Absentee Residents concerned information as to the name of any such new candidate, his party affiliation, the office which he seeks, and the name of the candidate in whose place he is nominated. In any such case, the Absentee Resident desiring to vote for such new candidate may do so by writing in the name of such candidate in the blank space to be provided in the Absentee Ballot.

(c) *Votes for Non-Candidates.* Any Absentee Ballot voted for a person who has ceased to be a candidate shall not be counted for such candidate but such vote shall not invalidate the remainder of such Ballot.

**251. Offices and Questions on Ballot.** (a) Every Absentee Resident, as herein defined, shall be entitled to vote in the manner provided in this sub-title for candidates for State-wide, Congressional, judicial, legislative and local offices, and for the delegates and party committees hereinafter mentioned, in the primary election and general election to be held in any year, and also to vote in said manner upon Constitutional amendments and other questions which may be submitted to the voters. The term "local offices", as used herein, shall include all county offices and similar offices in Baltimore City, but shall not include municipal offices of an incorporated city or town for which candidates are elected in municipal elections.

(b) All nominations made by the State Conventions of the political parties shall be certified promptly to the Secretary of State, who shall immediately thereafter certify to the proper Boards of Supervisors of Elections the name and description of each person nominated for office.

(c) The Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall not be required to print the name of any candidate upon any ballot unless provisions of this section have been complied with.

**252. Schedule of Dates under Absentee Voting Law.** (a) *Appointment of Judges and Clerks of Election.* The several Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall appoint the required number of judges and clerks for the primary and general elections, on or before the dates specified in Section 9 of this Article.

(b) *Filing Certificates of Candidacy.* Any person wishing to file a certificate of candidacy in a primary election shall file it with the Secretary of State or with the Board of Supervisors of Elections, as the case may be, on or before the date specified in Section 56 of this Article.

(c) *Primary Election Dates.* Primary elections shall be held in this State on the dates specified in Section 62 of this Article.