

*with, including their services. The Secretary of State and the several Boards are hereby severally authorized and empowered to use any and all facilities that may be furnished by the United States or any department, commission or agency thereof, pursuant to any Act of Congress or otherwise, for the purpose of transmitting to and from Absentee Residents applications for absentee ballots, envelopes, instruction and all other printed matter that may be permitted to be transmitted by any Act of Congress and generally to co-operate in every way with military and civil officers of the United States and with all such departments, commissions and agencies thereof in order to enable such persons to vote.*

**260. War Ballot Commission.** *(a) Members; Meetings. There is hereby created a State War Ballot Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), which shall be composed of the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the presiding officers of each House of the General Assembly, the minority leader of each House of the General Assembly, all ex-officio, and of two other persons to be appointed by the Governor, which persons shall not be members of the same political party. Vacancies in the Commission shall be filled by the Governor, and every person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as that of the person in whose place he is appointed. The Commission shall meet on call of the Governor and, in the case of his absence, or disability, on call of the Secretary of State, or any three members. Five members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of those present at any meeting of the Commission shall be necessary for a decision on any matter before the Commission. The Commission is authorized to appoint and remove at pleasure such employees as may be necessary for the performance of its duties under this sub-title and shall fix their compensation, any law of the State to the contrary notwithstanding. Employment by the Commission hereunder shall not entitle the person so employed to the benefits of any pension laws of this State.*

*(b) Expenses. Members of the Commission shall be paid their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder. The expenses of the Commission, including the salaries of any employees, may be defrayed from any funds under the control of the Board of Public Works. The Commission may receive assistance, financial or otherwise, from the United States or any departments, commissions or agencies thereof in carrying out the purposes of this sub-title.*

*(c) Rules and Regulations. The Commission is authorized and empowered to make any and all rules and regulations deemed necessary or useful to effectuate the carrying out of the provisions of this sub-title, including particularly, but, without limitation, rules and regulations governing the form, type, sizes of type, color of absentee ballots, the arrangements of names of candidates on said ballots, the location of Constitutional amendments, referenda or other questions, if any, and all other necessary matters concerning Absentee Ballots, ballot envelopes, return envelopes, instructions and any other necessary forms. Dimensions of the Absentee Ballot Envelopes and any other materials shall be such that all balloting material can be conveniently folded in a covering envelope not larger than  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches; and the weight of all balloting material, including*