

268. Definitions. (a) *For the purposes of this sub-title and unless otherwise required by the context:*

(b) An "Absentee Resident" means a resident of Baltimore City, (1) qualified to vote under the Constitution as to age, citizenship and length of residence and not disfranchised because of crime, and (2) who is absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States as herein defined, and (3) who, because of such absence, is unable to vote in person at any election, as herein defined, in the ward or election district in Baltimore City in which he was a resident at the time of his entry or induction into the armed forces of the United States, or into any of the organizations, work or services hereinafter set forth; provided that, at the time his ballot is received, as in this sub-title provided, he is either already registered as a voter according to the Election Laws of this State, exclusive of this sub-title, or becomes so registered by mail under this sub-title.

(c) *For the purpose of, and when used in this sub-title, the phrase "absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States", shall be deemed to include and apply to persons in the armed forces of the United States and also to persons engaged in the work or services, or who are members of the organizations, herein specified as limited in such specifications; and for such purposes and as so used, the term "Absentee Resident" shall include the following:*

(1) *All such absentee residents who are members of any branch of the armed forces of the United States and of any of their respective components;*

(2) *All such absentee residents who are members of the Merchant Marine of the United States, and who are hereby defined to be persons who are employed as officers or members of crews of vessels documented under the laws of the United States, and persons enrolled for such employment with the War Shipping Administration, exclusive, however, of those in the service or enrolled for service on the Great Lakes or the inland waterways of the United States;*

(3) *All such absentee residents who are serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, the United Service Organizations and other similar agencies and organizations who are attached to or serving with the armed forces of the United States outside of the United States;*

(4) *All such absentee residents who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States too late to register or vote as required, except for the provisions of this sub-title.*

For all purposes of this sub-title, an Absentee Resident shall be deemed and held to have resided continuously in the ward or election district in which he resided at the time he first left to become absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, as herein defined, for the entire period he has been so absent and engaged.

(d) *The term "United States", when used geographically in this sub-title, means only the territorial limits of the several States of the United States and the District of Columbia.*