

state in which you are, or were, serving and rank or position). That the within ballot was by me marked, 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. I am registered as (This latter statement being provided for only if the Absentee Ballot is for voting at a primary election. If you are not now registered, indicate party affiliation desired. If no party is indicated, you will be registered without any party affiliation, and will not be allowed to vote in a primary election.)

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(Absentee Resident must sign his name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of
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(Commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, not below the rank of sergeant or petty officer.)

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(Rank)".

(The foregoing oath shall be used for any municipal primary or general election to be held hereafter.)

(c) Instructions. The printed instructions shall be as follows:

Instructions to Voter

Enclosed herewith is an Absentee Ballot Envelope and a Return Envelope for use in returning the ballot. You are entitled to vote if you are a member of the armed forces of the United States. You are also entitled to vote if you are a member of the Merchant Marine, not in service or enrolled for service on the Great Lakes or Inland Waterways of the United States, with the American Red Cross, or other organization covered by the Absentee Voting Law, serving with the armed forces of the United States outside of the United States.

(1) 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 which candidate for whom you wish to vote and in the appropriate block after each Charter 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 name of candidates for that office. The ballot should be marked secretly. Do not SIGN YOUR NAME or put on the ballot any mark of identification or any other mark except the "X" mark or marks used to vote or the name of a written-in candidate. Fold the ballot in the same creases as before opening.

(2) Then enclose the ballot in the "Ballot Envelope" and seal the same.

(3) After sealing the Ballot Envelope, you MUST, in the presence of a witness, fill in the blanks in the "Oath of Absentee Resident"